

## 80 LAWYERS ATTEND ANNUAL BANQUET

Eighty members of the Southeast Missouri Bar Association, representing eleven counties, were present Friday night at their annual banquet meeting of the organization at the Hotel Marshall.

Harry C. Blanton, president of the Scott County Bar Association, presided at the meeting. Mayor N. E. Fuchs gave the address of welcome, and Ralph E. Bailey, Chairman of the Program Committee, extended greetings from the Scott County Bar Association. Mr. Bailey mentioned the fact that such informal meetings furnished the only opportunity for lawyers and judges to know one another better. He quoted the incident of Judge Sheppard of Poplar Bluff, who during a trial in Circuit Court, was fired upon by a defendant. The speaker regretted that not more of the honorable gentlemen of the bench could not be present at the meeting "so that they might learn what was in store for them."

R. L. Ward, President of the Missouri Bar Association, also acted as toastmaster at the banquet meeting, and told of the work of that organization in the State. Toastmaster Ward took exception to the placement of the only "flower" of the banquet by the side of certain members of the committee on arrangements.

Dean William G. Hale, head of the School of Law at Washington University, St. Louis, spoke on "Some Modern Challenges to the Law and Some Methods of Meeting Them", being the principal talk of the meeting. The speaker told his hearers that the law profession was fully 150 years behind that of medicine, in keeping up with the progress of the times. He cited the origin of the English common law on notes, making comparison between conditions in that country in this with relation to the laws delays, slow action on judgments and backward lawyers. At that time, he said, merchants and business men organized their own courts of arbitration and ignored the courts and lawyers altogether. Such a condition, he indicated, might possibly arise in this country at this time unless certain changes in procedure were made. He asked his hearers to work toward the application of modern principles of administration of law to modern problems, to modernize business requirements, and to better educate lawyers. He pointed out also that the public be better informed of the laws demands, saying that violations as a rule, arise from ignorance arising out of inadequate information by the public, and not from wilful disobedience of law.

James A. Potter, of Jefferson City, Secretary of the Missouri Bar Association, suggested that Southeast Missouri lawyers make an effort to place one of their number on the Board of Commissioners of the Missouri Supreme Court, as they are now represented.

Short talks were also made by Judge Frank Kelly of Cape Girardeau, Judge A. C. Sheppard of Poplar Bluff, Charles Lyle of Dexter and James E. King of St. Louis, treasurer of the State organization.

The Caruthersville Harmony Trio Messrs. Zaricor, Medling and Zaricor rendered several selections during the first part of the program. During the seating of the members and guests Mrs. Bess Cook, Miss Margaret Woods and Leland Payne offered a lively march selection. The trio offered other musical numbers during the banquet proper. Miss Margaret Woods of Columbia also entertained with a beautiful violin solo.

### CONCERNING PANTS

Lives of publishers oft remind us. Honest toil don't have a chance. The more we work we leave behind us. Bigger patches on our pants. On our pants once new and glossy. Now patched with different hues. All because subscribers linger. And neglect to pay their dues. So my friends, be up and doing. Send your mite however small. 'Tis best the winds of stormy winter find us with no pants at all. —Chesterfield News.

Although bamboos produce both flowers and seeds, 50, 60 or even 100 years elapse between the blooming periods of most species.

W. O. Burnett, living west of Matthews, was a caller at The Standard office Saturday and left \$1.50 for the paper. The editor and wife enjoyed a social visit with him.

## RUSSELL BROTHERS' OLIVER DAY DRAWS 400 FARMERS— HEAR FOUR GOOD SPEAKERS

The annual "Oliver Day" educational and exhibit program sponsored jointly by Russell Brothers, implement dealers and the Oliver Chilled Plow Works of South Bend, Ind., attracted more than 400 farmers Saturday, at the all-day meeting. Illustrated lectures by four prominent speakers made up the day's program.

Paul H. Teal, graduate of Purdue University and now Mississippi County Farm Agent, opened the morning session with a talk on "Lime and Legumes". Mr. Teal stressed the importance of soybeans for feeding purposes especially for dairy cattle. He also mentioned the building up values of sweet clover and soybeans on the land.

A. J. Renner, Scott County Farm Agent, spoke first on the afternoon program, his subject being "Poultry". He used lantern slides to illustrate the points in his talk on the essentials of raising baby chicks. Renner told his audience that this was the time to hatch heavy breeds—before April 1. Lighter breeds, he said, could be hatched by April 15. The other "essentials" of his plan are: 1. raise on fresh, clean ground using a movable brooder. 2. Feed a balanced ration, consisting of cracked yellow corn and mash. The latter, he indicated could be mixed at home from the following formula: 30 parts bran, 30 parts shorts, 30 parts cracked yellow corn, 25 parts dried buttermilk, 5 pounds bone meal and 1 lb. salt.

Mr. Renner made a point of feeding the chicks, saying that if his "Missouri Plan" is strictly followed, it is possible to raise fryers in eight weeks. "Do not feed chicks at all for the first 60 to 70 hours, he said, then give them all the cracked corn they will eat in twenty minutes. Seven hours later feed them all the mash they will eat in 20 minutes, and alternate in this way every seven hours until the chicks are from 8 to 10 days. After that, feed grain in the morning, keep mash before them constantly and again feed grain in the evening.

3. Brood each hatch separately, so that you will have a uniform flock at the end of the season. 4. Separate the cockerels from the pullets and sell the male birds to help pay expenses on the layers. 5. Renner made another point of keeping a constant temperature of 98 degrees in the brooder house during the first ten days. "Use a thermometer", he said, "and hang it two inches from the floor and three or four inches from the hover." The speaker cited the instance of Mrs. Joe Pfefferkorn of Oran, who in following the Missouri Plan, raised the average egg production of her flock from 11 to nearly 25 per hen.

Dr. John H. Gehrs, dairy specialist at the Southeast Missouri Teachers' College at Cape Girardeau, chose as his subject "Better Sires For Your Dairy Herd".

The speaker told his audience that "the easiest, safest and best way to improve a dairy herd is by the use of good sires", and backed up his statements with statistics on improvement in the second and third generation. Dairying, he said, is an occupation which can well be carried on in connection with regular farm work. It protects the soil, gives constant employment, it is safe and staple and there is a constant demand for dairy products which will turn labor to constant, steady profit.

Ernest Liehn, a native of Denmark, and specialist at the State University of Iowa, on feeding young dairy stock, spoke on this subject. His hearers at first found some difficulty in following his remarks, but they soon learned that he knew his subject, and that he was full of experience. Mr. Liehn said that it takes 600 pounds of corn if fed alone to produce 100 pounds of pork. It would take exactly half as much corn if sweet skimmed milk is fed along.

The breaking strength of bones in hogs is also increased 100 per cent by feeding skim milk, he said. Chickens will double their egg production if fed milk with their grain rations, he added, in showing his audience the value of cows to the farmer. A ton of cottonseed meal will be worth from 25 to 30 per cent of the original cost in fertilizer if it has been fed to your dairy herd, he said illustrating the same point. To enter the dairy business, he said, one needs good cows, good men, and good feed. A good dairyman, he said, can't be lazy. He must be quiet around stock. He must be exacting, and he must be on time. To illustrate his last two points, he said that when the dairy-

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## Sikeston Cleaning Company

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## CO. K ALL SET FOR INSPECTION

During one period a few years ago it was quiet all along the Potomac, but in Southeast Missouri, as far as the 140th Infantry is concerned, all is active. The Annual Army Inspection is on in full blast. This is the annual examination for the Guardsmen and all ranks are putting in extra time preparing for it.

Last Monday at De Soto, Captain J. S. Claussen, Infantry, D. O. L., inspected Co. H, Tuesday, at Festus he inspected Co. M.

On Wednesday he inspected the Howitzer Company at Lutesville, and on Thursday and Friday, the Service Section and Headquarters Company 3rd Battalion at Cape Girardeau were inspected.

Tonight (Monday) the Band Section at Chaffee will omit all sour notes and following the Inspection will have a banquet. This banquet is an annual affair and always follows the inspection.

Tuesday, our local Guard unit, Co. K will get the Inspecting Officer's attention, and the troopers have been preparing for it in such a manner that there can be no doubt of the outcome.

Equipment has been cleaned. The web belts have been recolored and all are uniform in appearance. Each noncommissioned officer is on his toes and ready to do whatever the Inspector calls for.

The supply rooms has been entirely rebuilt and all equipment and clothing has been rearranged and prepared for a critical examination. Supply Sergeant Ancel has a store room now that is ready to serve as a model, and officers from several organizations in the 140th Infantry have seen it recently and have commented very favorably on its appearance.

A new orderly room was secured last week and all records have been made to out guess the Inspector.

Captain Rufus Reed has held extra drills and each officer and enlisted man has prepared himself so that it is felt that Sikeston will feel proud of the Guard, and the rating that Co. K will receive for 1929.

On Friday, the officers of the 140th Infantry held a conference at the Hotel Marquette, at Cape Girardeau in the afternoon and took up several matters pertaining to the Inspection. At 6:30 the officers and ladies had a dinner at the same place and then the officers attended the Inspection of Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion.

Following the Inspection, the orchestra from the Regimental Band furnished music for dancing at the hotel.

Capt. Reed has extended an invitation to all citizens to attend the Inspection here Tuesday night at 8:15, as it is desired that all see how Co. K looks when at its best. The Company will form at 7:00 o'clock for a last going over by the company officers prior to the Inspection.

Members of Henry Meldrum Post No. 114, of the Legion, have accepted the invitation to attend in a body as they did last year. The Post will meet at Dudley's Confectionery at 7:45. Post caps will be worn.

## MISSOURI CATTLE RUSTLER GETS 2-YEAR SENTENCE

Charleston, February 22.—While a jury deliberated over his fate, Wm. Garner, 25, a farmer, charged with cattle rustling, changed his plea from not guilty to guilty in Circuit Court here, and was sentenced by Judge Frank Kelly to serve two years in prison.

The jurors, discharged, said they had considered a verdict sentencing Garner to three years' imprisonment. Garner was accused of stealing cattle from his neighbors and transporting them by truck to St. Louis, where they were sold.

Garner will be remembered as one of the men arrested in Mississippi County some months ago on evidence furnished by R. S. Coleman, truckman of this city, who had been hired to haul the cattle to St. Louis markets. Coleman later found out that the "cattle buyers" were rustlers, and spent several days running them to earth.

Now it is charged that a woman has been giving orders to the Governor of Oklahoma. That puts him in the same position as the Governors of California, New Jersey, Kentucky, Minnesota, and others too numerous to mention.—South Bend Tribune.

## FRUITLAND TAKES INVITATION TOURNEY

A quintet of hot shots from North Cape Girardeau County made short work of their problem of defeating Matthews for championship honors in the annual Sikeston Boys' Invitation Basketball Tournament held here Friday.

The "dark horse" team from the north took an early lead on the Matthews quintet and led up to the finish, winning by a score of 44 to 28. The first quarter ended with Matthews holding the small end of a 15-5 score, and the northerners iced the game at the half by rolling up a 35-15 score. Matthews marked up four more points in the third quarter to only one for Fruitland, but the champions came back in the final frame with eight more markers to win.

Wid Matthews acted as referee and M. C. Cunningham as umpire in the championship game. The outstanding work of Templeton, forward for Fruitland easily won for him the honor of being the best all round player of the tourney. Sutton, lanky center for Matthews, took honors in the final game by running up 16 points to Templeton's 14.

The box score:  
Fruitland—  
Templeton, f .....14  
Anderson, f .....12  
E. McDowell, g .....10  
Schreiner, c .....4  
Masterson, g .....2  
C. McDowell, g .....2  
Total 44

Matthews—  
M. Dover, f .....2  
King, f .....2  
Spalding, g .....1  
Sutton, c .....16  
Waters, g .....0  
Cantrell, c .....0  
Wilumuth, f .....5  
G. Dover, c .....2  
Total 28

Matthews, by losing the championship game, had to be content with second place. Cape Girardeau easily won over Anniston, in the 8 o'clock game by a score of 22-12, Daves for Cape Girardeau scoring 10 points.

The score:  
Cape Girardeau—  
Daves, f .....10  
Brase, f .....0  
King, c .....4  
Estes, g .....6  
Wickam, g .....0  
Hirsch, g .....2  
Total 22

Anniston—  
Tatum, f .....2  
Jenkins, f .....1  
Blackwell, c .....8  
Morrow, g .....1  
Stocks, g .....0  
Jones, g .....0  
Total 12

Wid Matthews, referee had the first, second and third place teams and the all-star pick, line up in front of the scorer's desk at the end of the contest to receive the awards. The following received mention for the mythical all-star team:

Center—Albert Sutton, Matthews.  
Guard—Oscar Estes, Cape Girardeau.  
Guard—Ted Borth, Poplar Bluff.  
Forward—E. McDowell, Fruitland.  
Forward—Colton Wilumuth, Matthews.

Howard Templeton, forward on the championship team, was elected the best all round player of the tournament.

The exhibition game between the Sikeston girls' team and Poplar Bluff proved to be one of the most interesting contests of the day. The Bluff girls held a one-point lead, 8-7, at the end of the first frame, but the Baker-Baker forward combination proved too strong during the rest of the contest. The situation was reversed at the end of the half with Sikeston ahead 12-11. The girls gradually increased their lead 18-15 at the end of the third frame, and won easily in the last quarters with an eight-point margin. Helen Baker scored 21 of the 29 points for Sikeston, and Margaret contributed 8.

Legg, Poplar Bluff forward, held the attention of her audience with several easy-looking 1-handed shots. She scored 9 points, and her running mate, Gray, 12. Albritton and Whilden, guards for the locals, were both in top form Friday night, and frequently pulled shots "out of the basket" for Poplar Bluff, and sent them across the court for Sikeston markers. Littleton and Ella Helen Smith covered the center section of the

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man has an animal to maximum production, the addition of one-half pound of feed will affect milk production. The dairyman must be on time, because cows will expect to be fed and milked at their usual time. As a fifth point, he said, a dairyman must be clean. The last of his remarks centered about the care and feeding of young stock.

At noon, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, assisted by W. O. Scott, fed their 300 or more guests with sandwiches, doughnuts and coffee.

The Scott County Milling Company also had a fine display of samples of their products, showing how many varieties of feeds and by-products were produced at their plant here. The Oliver Company also had a full line of their implements on display in the display room.

We still have much to be thankful for. They haven't yet put the gum-chewing championships into the talking movies.—San Diego Union.

## MUNICIPAL PLANT PAYS \$51,000 ON HOPE, ARK. DEBT

Hope, Ark., February 21.—Payment of \$9000 on the city hall debt, making a total of \$51,000 retired on the \$67,000 obligation, has been announced by George Sandefur, general manager of the Municipal water and light plant.

The electric plant has been retiring the city debt at the rate of \$9000 a month for the last three months, an accumulated reserve over the last year makes this possible, according to Sandefur.

The construction of the City Hall was financed with \$67,000 of warrants, to be paid out of the electric plant's earnings over an eight-year period. The plant has paid 76 per cent of the debt in 22 per cent of the time allotted.

The city hall was finished in 1927 at a cost of approximately \$85,000, part of which the city paid in cash. The balance, including interest,

amounted to \$67,000, and was borrowed from Hope banks.

The warrants in the sum of \$1000 each were to be retired at the rate of about \$8500 a year for eight years. However, the city has paid off \$51,000 in one year and nine months, cutting interest charges. The total remaining debt is only \$16,000.

Sandefur asserts the plant also has furnished \$18,000 of electricity to the city for schools and streets.

The municipal plant has practically new machinery installed from earnings since 1922.

A study of costs of operating tractors on 175 New York farms, made by an extension worker of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, showed that it cost, on the average, 86.7c an hour to operate a tractor, not including the operator's time. On the fruit and crop farms studied, tractors had replaced from 2.8 to 4.7 horses, but on the dairy farms they had replaced only 1.3 horses.



## SKESTON STANDARD

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For fear Ed Crowe or Simon Loebe might get hold of the story and attempt to ruin our chances among the ladies, we print a story told us by our brother, Jack Blanton, of Paris, Mo., who is 60 years of age. He was introduced to a gentleman in St. Louis a few days ago, who said: "So this is Jack Blanton. I've seen a lot of quotations from your paper. I know your father at Skeston very well and, say, he runs a dandy paper". An editor from Carthage, who was standing by and overheard the conversation, made this correction: "Why, Charlie is not Jack's father; he's his grandfather". Suffering from a cold and we've been thinking all along that we looked ten years younger than Jack.

Catholics are not obliged to eat fish on Friday or any other day. They abstain from meat on Fridays, but they are not obliged to eat any particular thing in substitution. There is no law so old as he law of abstinence. The very first law that Almighty God gave to His creatures was one of abstinence. He forbade Adam and Eve the fruit of a certain tree. Now, just as the fruit which they were forbidden to eat was not bad in itself, neither is meat bad on Fridays or any other day unless the doctor says so. Catholics fast and abstain, because Christ fasted and abstained for 40 days. They abstain from flesh meat on Friday, because it was on Friday that the Lover of their souls had His flesh torn into shreds for them. This work of self-denial is imposed on Catholics also as a weekly reminder of the great price of redemption which the Son of God paid for the ransom of their souls. The motive is a most laudable one. It is a case of asking members of the church to do a little something for Christ to show their appreciation for what He did for them, and on the day of the week on which He died for them.—Sunday Visitor.

Tennyson advises us that "in the spring a young man's fancy, lightly turns to thoughts of love". But he didn't say anything about a young woman's thoughts. The chances are he wanted to forget that, if he had a young wife or daughter, for he probably caught them pouring over the advertisements of new spring clothes, hats, etc. Neither did he say anything about the thoughts of the middle aged man, being one himself. We guess he was thinking about the notice he had received from the bank about being overdrawn because of that last load of coal to finish out the winter. But in February, we all love to think that spring is just around the corner, that snow, ice, ashes and coal are dwindling and green grass and strawberries will soon give us the spring fever and hives.—Shelbina Democrat.

A certain Skeston father was explaining to his young son why girls should not be teased and treated as roughly as if they were boys. The father was about to close his argument and was in the midst of saying "girls cannot fight back like boys", when the eight-year-old youngster broke in with "but they can kiss better".

An accident was reported in Jackson the other day in which a young lady is said to have been injured by catching her heel in the hem of her skirt—but somehow there is something about the story that sounds fishy to the editor. If true we will say she is certainly a high stepper.—Jackson Cash-Book.

This actually happened last Saturday afternoon when the bus, which brought our reporter home from a short visit with his family and friends stopped at a wayside station for the refreshment and rest of the patrons. The lady in question was one of those osodam prissy females, who are always found on buses and trains. She deposited herself on a stool at the lunch counter and with a heaven-may-help-me sigh asked: "Boy, are those tender doughnuts?"

A man being tried before a police judge in a Central Missouri town, charged with fighting and disturbing the peace, was trying to prove an alibi by saying: "Why Judge, at that hour I was in the arms of Morpheus". "Never hear of her....spew.... but it's just as bad as the charges, \$10 and costs".

## WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington is preparing to reap one of the richest harvests in her history. Thousands of visitors from every section of the United States are expected on March 4. Early arrivals are here. Thousands of seats are being erected on vacant lots, and on the streets along the line of march of the Inaugural Parade. Prevailing seat prices will be from \$5 to \$10. No one will be allowed to provide his own chair, camp stool or box, but if he wishes a seat, he must rent. Seats and standing-room space will also be rented in windows. The sale of official souvenirs, under a license system is expected to amount to thousands of dollars. Hotels have long had every room engaged, yet because Washington is just one big boarding house barring a few sections, visitors will be cared for. Guides, who operate six days in the week in the Capitol, charging visitors 25c each, are expecting the largest returns ever, while sight-seeing busses are assured of record business. All this means that the inaugural visitor will do well to come amply supplied with funds.

As the present Congress nears its end, and as the time for the convening of the new Congress in special session approaches, it becomes more apparent that the provisional promise of a special session, as made by Mr. Hoover in the last campaign, was a mistake on the part of the party in power. Demands for higher, and still higher tariff rates were made by representatives of interests testifying before the Committee on Ways and Means. It must be, too, that Mr. Hoover wishes the Congress had at least made a gesture looking to farm legislation, and thus avoided an extra session. It is only fair to say that the insistent demands for a higher tariff on the part of the industries, many of which are now making their millions, must be a surprise to the incoming president. The pigs which have long had their feet in high protective tariff trough have grown to be big hogs.

A tariff on hides and a "compensatory" duty on shoes, likewise on cement, is being urged. Higher paint, oil and paper tariffs are talked. Jute interests are among the many asking for tariff increases. Jute is used principally for yarn, twine, burlap bags and sacks. It has been estimated that the cost to farmers, in the event the jute interests get what they want, will be \$35,000,000 a year.

Here is the way one item in the new tariff bill will read, word for word, if a witness before the Ways and Means Committee get what's wanted: "On gloves composed chiefly of cotton, when unshrunk, and less than 40 rows of loops per inch, in width of on the face of the glove, 50 per cent ad valorem; when shrunk or sueded, embroidered or otherwise ornamented \$4 a dozen pairs and for each additional inch in excess of 11 inches, 20 cents a dozen pairs, but in no case shall any of the duties be less than 75 per cent ad valorem; when made of fabric knit or other than a warp knitting machine, 50 per cent ad valorem; when made of woven fabric, 25 per cent ad valorem". It has also been urged that the tariff on printed type of table cloth be increased from 40 to 200 per cent, while duty on thread be raised from 20 to 30 per cent.

"Uncle Sam" is preparing to count his nephews and nieces. The cost of this census will be about \$40,000,000, or almost three times what was paid for the entire Louisiana Purchase.

The Jones bill, providing a maximum penalty of a \$10,000 fine and 5-year jail sentence for violation of the national prohibition act, passed the Senate by a vote of 65 to 18, the latter number including 5 Republicans and 13 Democrats, with Senators Reed and Hawes. The measure is designed to reach the "big fellows" and habitual bootleggers, while smaller penalties will still be imposed in most cases.

Without a record vote, the House passed the bill by White of Maine to continue the Federal Radio Commission for another year, rather than have the Department of Commerce take over the administrative work, the only alternative.

The House has passed the alien deportation bill providing, under certain conditions, that aliens who violate the narcotic and white slave traffic laws, who are guilty of other enumerated crimes, or who are habitual criminals, may be deported.

That carillons, or musical bells, may produce discord was shown when divergent views were expressed before the Ways and Means Committee, one group contending that the 40 per cent duty be increased, the other holding that the best carillons cannot be

made here and that the ax is a burden on churches and colleges.

A proposal by Senator Dill is to bar "lame ducks" from eligibility for Federal appointive jobs for two years after their defeat at the polls. The suggestion is not without merit. Defeated candidates frequently get better position, thru appointments, than if they had been elected. Following defeat, the temptation with some seems to be to become subservient to the wishes of the administration then in power.

The Senate Committee on Agriculture favorably reported a bill to reimburse States for road losses due to floods. If, in the next regular session, the measure becomes a law, Missouri will receive \$258,000.

The session will end without action on the Muscle Shoals matter and with no relief for the farmer who for ten years has been looking forward to lower prices for commercial fertilizer. There have, though, been some interesting developments. When Morin, of Pennsylvania, chairman, failed to call the committee, members met and ordered a favorable report on the Madden bill to lease Muscle Shoals for 50 years. The chairman then questioned the legality of the meeting, but to his credit, Speaker Longworth held that it was legal.

The House, very properly, took action to place members of the Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia on equality with other veterans of the Union Armies.

Some time ago the Senate passed the Columbia Basin Reclamation Project bill under which more than a million acres of land would eventually be brought under cultivation. The bill came over to the House and was sponsored by one of my best friends. When it came up for passage I hated to vote against my Democratic colleague and his pet measure yet I did. I could not conscientiously help to open up more general farming lands at a time when the farmer is hard hit.

Apparently the place of Postmaster General in the Hoover Cabinet will go to a seasoned politician. It has been so before. Wilson had his Burleson, Harding his Hays, Coolidge his Work and New. Under the latter, it is charged, that "post office pudding" has been common. Wurzbach, only Republican Representative from Texas, alleges that \$200,000 has been collected from Federal office holders in that State.

A bill to change the Copyright Law of 1909 and permit music publishers to exact larger royalties deserves defeat. Under existing law, which should be amended, there have come many complaints arising from heavy penalties imposed upon restaurants, barber shops, and other places playing records of copyrighted music. People are "fed up" on fees and licenses.

If Mr. Hoover, as President, attempts to bring about a reorganization of government departments, as predicted, he will deserve credit. I doubt, though, if it can be done, for great is the power of political pie. Proper reorganization, it has been estimated, might mean a saving of half a billion dollars a year.

Congress has enacted a law providing refuges for migratory birds, places where they can be safe, not shooting grounds for the rich and professional hunters. Originally this bill required all hunters to take out federal as well as State hunting licenses, but this was stricken out.

It is announced that J. W. Reeder, of Tipton, Iowa, aged 92 and who twice voted for Lincoln, will hold Mr. Hoover's hat when the new President is "affirmed" into office on March 4.

Some proposals to "help the farmer": A tariff on bananas, Bibles and bricks; on all cream separators, so as to include the smaller machines now on the free list; a much higher duty on lead pencils; a lower duty on briar pipes valued at more than \$3 each.

James Gower of Houma, Washington, is visiting with the Jake Sutton and Judson Boardman families this week. Mr. Gower is a brother of Mrs. Sutton's and Mrs. Boardman's father.

## COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT MATCHES GET UNDERWAY

Coe Girardeau, February 21.—With the 1929 basketball season drawing to a close, Southeast Missouri high schools are turning their attention to the sub-district tournaments which are to be held in eight sections of Southeast Missouri this month and the first week in March as elimination contests for the Southeast Missouri Tournament to be held at Houck Field House in Cape Girardeau March 8 and 9, under the direction of the Teachers College.

Previously all high schools that had won half of their scheduled games were eligible to compete in the district tournaments. This season instead of every team being eligible for the district tournament, only two teams from each sub-district will compete in the tournament in Cape Girardeau. In each instance it will be the two winners.

The sub-district tournament for Cape Girardeau and Perry Counties will be held March 1 and 2 at Jackson. Eight teams are entered in this contest and it will decide whether Cape Central and the Teachers College Preps are to be permitted to participate in the district tournament. The tourney will open with a game between Jackson and Whitewater, followed by one between Delta and Perryville. On the first night, Lutesville will play Central High and the Preps will meet Fruitland. The elimination will be continued on the second day, with the winner being selected in the final game.

New Florence—Erection of post office building will start here in near future.

In the reign of Josiah the doorposts of houses, as well as the public gateways, were inscribed with precepts of the law.

Mrs. John Welter and Mrs. John Simlar attended the funeral of Andy Dirnberger at New Hamburg, Monday.

The Fannie Becker selections of stylish Spring coats and dresses from New York markets are on display at the Becker Store.

Clarence Felker and T. F. Henry, County Clerk, drove over to New Hamburg Monday from Benton to attend the funeral of Andy Dirnberger.

The Co-Workers held their regular meeting with Mrs. A. J. Moore on Tuesday afternoon. After the business meeting a social hour was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Jr. will have as dinner guests Friday Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews III and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Phillips of New Madrid.

Be sure and attend the Dixie Minstrels for the benefit of the Community Building Fund at Miner, February 28 at 7:30 p. m. Admission 15c and 25c.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Oliver of Cairo spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Trowbridge. Mr. Oliver is a bridge engineer on the Cairo bridge project.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Clay of Mexico visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lawrence during the week. They were enroute from New Orleans to their home.

The W. B. A. will hold their next regular meeting Monday evening, February 25 at 7:30 o'clock at the I. O. O. F. Hall. This being a meeting of special interest, each member is requested to be present.

Lebanon will have new hospital in near future.

The private secretary of the Governor of Oklahoma may become known as the power behind the thrown.—Indianapolis News.

A green-manure crop should be turned under at least two weeks before the next crop is planted. Flat River—New National Hotel formally opened.

Bees should not be handled in the early spring any more than necessary. Opening a hive in cool weather wastes heat and may even kill the brood. It is a good plan to wrap

hives in black tar paper in the spring, to conserve heat and hold the sun's rays. Put it on as soon as the bees start flying in the spring.

If lice are present in the poultry flock, it is important to control these pests before the hatching season, by dusting the hens with sodium fluoride. This material is harmful if used on very young chicks.

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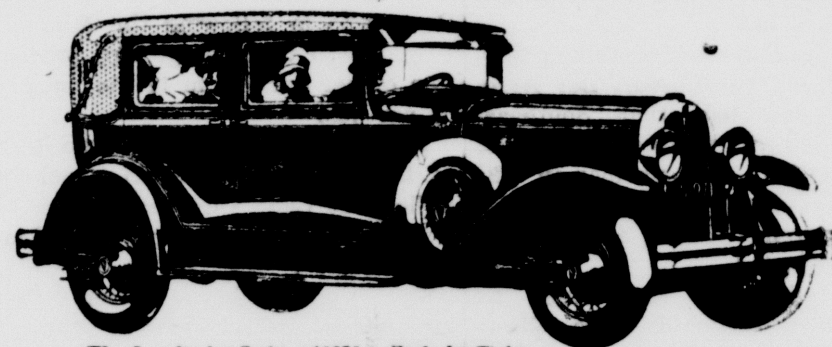
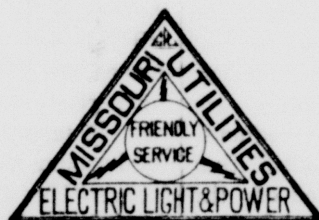


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JIMMY DERRIS MAKES  
FINE RECORD AT WESTERN

James "Jimmy" Derris, likable, black-haired son of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Derris, graduated with honors at the mid-year exercises at Western Military Academy, Alton, Ill., and is now at home.

Besides finishing the work which will enable him to enter any school or college in the United States if he so cares, Jimmy chalked up the following record of extra-curricular achievements in his four and one-half years at Western:

Two years on second team football, two years on the varsity and was elected all-star center. In track events, he was a member of the championship relay team. He made the second and then first string basketball squads, and was a member of the championship rifle team which in 1928 won the seventh corps area match. He now holds a commission as second lieutenant in the Illinois National Guard and in the O. R. C.

Jimmy, the social lion, held the post of secretary-treasurer of his fraternity, a chapter of Phi Delta.

He plans to find work with the State Highway Department in the near future in road survey work, and possibly to attend some university of college in the future.

## WASHINGTON TEA

One of the most delightful affairs of the season was a Washington Tea at the Hotel Marshall, Saturday afternoon by the D. A. R.

Mesdames C. A. Cook and G. P. Van Arsdale, dressed as Carolina dames, received the guests in the dining room of the hotel, which was decorated with red, white and blue bunting and flags, with George Washington's picture in the center.

The tea table was beautiful with its centerpiece of red carnations in a silver basket and red candles in silver holders. Mesdames Arnold Roth and M. M. Beck, in colonial costumes, poured.

The following program, in charge of Mrs. Wallace Applegate, was given during the afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed by the many guests who attended.

Opening number, a song by Miss Melba Hudson, in colonial costume, accompanied by Miss Virginia Hudson.

Vocal trio by Wilmer Kiner, Edith

Becker and Josephine Hudson. These young ladies are members of the Glee Club.

Patriotic talk by Rev. Bellanger. Vocal duet by Rev. and Mrs. Bellanger, with Mrs. Welsh at the piano. A reading dialogue, "When Grandma Was a Little Girl" by Catherine Ann Cook and Billie Van Arsdale.

Minuette in colonial costume by Catherine Ann Cook and Billie Van Arsdale.

Two delightful numbers on the violin by Miss Margaret Woods, with Mrs. Tom Allen at the piano.

Reading, in colonial costume, by Bettie Brenton.

Vocal solos by Billie Van Arsdale. Two instrumental solos by Mrs. Roscoe Weltecke.

Ukele trio—Lynnette Stallcup, Lillian Gale Applegate and Elizabeth Bowman.

## WITH OUR SICK

J. A. Andres is very ill with Bright's disease.

Mrs. R. Q. Brown is improving from an attack of the flu.

Mrs. M. L. Clayton is recovering from the after effects of the flu.

Mrs. Tom Myers is much improved after an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Mary McCoy, mother of Dan and Lou McCoy, is better. Mrs. McCoy has been quite ill.

Charles Noble is confined to his home with an attack of the flu.

Mrs. C. Bolen is recovering from an acute attack of appendicitis.

C. E. Felker's little son, who has been very ill, is some better.

Schuyler Reed is ill at his home on Kendall Street, threatened with pneumonia.

Alvin Taylor has been confined to his home the past several days with neuritis.

## WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. C. C. Rose at her home on North Ranney Street Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. E. T. Wheatley as leader with a patriotic program. All members are urged to be present.

Sikeston boys did not do quite so well in the tourney, but that's no disgrace. They did try, and for that matter, only lost by two points to their friendly enemies, the Charleston Blue Jays.

BYRON BOWMAN SIGNS  
WITH TEXAS BALL CLUB

Byron Bowman, the same who last summer caught many hard games for the local ball club, has signed a contract at \$500 a month and expenses to Texas with the Texas League of Fort Worth. He is to report for tryout on March 4, but said Monday morning, that he was undecided as to whether he would accept the offer or not.

The home fans know that Byron is a whiz behind the plate, and that when he socks 'em they stay socked, and while they regret losing this valuable player on the diamond this summer, the best of luck in the big time circuit goes with him. A St. Louis daily last week, carried a story saying that the Cardinals had acquired Bowman at an even greater salary, but he denied having knowledge of the deal. The Cards maintain a farm at Houston.

VOGELSANG TAKES NEW POST  
IN CAPE GIRARDEAU BANK

Clarence Vogelsang, for more than two years, connected with the Bank of Sikeston, where he acted as representative of the Matthews city and farm interests, and cared for all Red Cross correspondence, has accepted a position in the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Cape Girardeau to take effect next week. At present, Clarence is sick with tonsillitis. Mr. Vogelsang, Sr., is connected with the Cape Girardeau institution in an official capacity and just what position Clarence will have, is not known at this time.

W. R. Griffin, real estate dealer of Sikeston, was a business visitor in our city Wednesday, and while here paid this office a brief visit. He reports that real estate sales are beginning to open up and that in the past three months he has sold over \$22,000 worth of real estate.—New Madrid Record.

Mrs. E. P. Francis and son, Justin, and Mr. and Mrs. John Ennen and sons, went to Sikeston Saturday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Carroll, who live on the farm near that town. The birthdays of Mr. Carroll, Chris Francis and Mrs. E. P. Francis all fell on February 16 and that day was turned into a sort of combined anniversary celebration.—Fredericktown News.

How to  
Raise  
Poultry

By Dr. L. D. LeGear, V. S.  
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Dr. LeGear is a graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College, 1892. Thirty-six years of veterinary practice on diseases of live stock and poultry. Eminent authority on poultry and stock raising. Nationally known poultry breeder. Noted author and lecturer.

## A ROBBER IN THE FLOCK

"The best way to cure roup," sagely remarked an old timer in the poultry game, "is never to have it". That may sound like a very weak attempt to be funny, but it is gospel truth. Contagious diseases such as roup do not fall willy nilly from the heavens on some whimsical freak of fate. The way is usually paved for them by the lack of adequate sanitation, improper housing facilities, incorrect feeding, failure to cull out weaklings, the weakening effect of parasites, or by some other form of neglect. Healthy, robust fowls, properly fed and housed in sanitary surroundings, will almost always throw off the germs of disease. Even when they do not, however, their rugged constitutions make the success of treatment practically certain.

Acting on the idea of prevention as the best cure for roup, I never add new fowls to my flock until they have been kept in quarantine from two to three weeks. Even if it is practically sure that the birds come from an uninfected flock, this is a wise precaution. They might be carrying the germs of infection which would mature later with disastrous results. If this should happen before they are added to the flock they can be destroyed or treated as the case may demand without danger of spreading the disease.

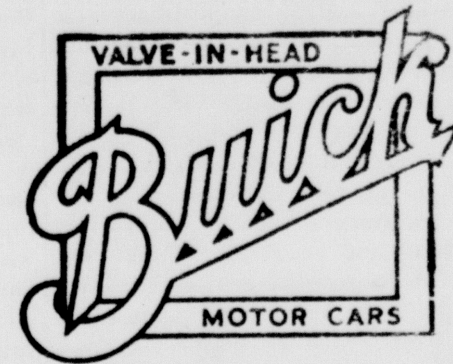
Watch young and delicate birds very closely as they are most susceptible to the deadly roup germs. The same is true of fowls suffering from common cold or catarrh. The throat and nasal passages, being already sore and inflamed, are easily infected. Sick birds, no matter what the ailment, should always be isolated. They can be much more effectively treated when away from the flock and they cannot contaminate the healthier ones if the disease should prove to be contagious.

Should any of your flock begin to show symptoms of roup, no time should be lost in starting measures to prevent further spread. All houses, pens, coops and runs should be thoroughly cleaned and sprayed with a strong solution of a good coal tar dip and disinfectant. Droppings, litter and trash of every description should be removed and burned. All unnecessary equipment of every kind should be removed from houses and yards. Every piece of equipment for supplying food and water should be scrubbed and disinfected. All this sounds like work and it is, but the saving is decidedly worth the work required.

As the inroads of this deadly disease have been known to wipe out as high as 95 per cent of a flock, every owner of a poultry flock should learn to recognize the symptoms. At first they are much like those of a simple cold or catarrh, but more fever, dullness, prostration and loss of appetite. First symptoms are a watery nasal discharge, difficult breathing with wheeze sound and constant shaking of the head to dislodge accumulated matter.

After two or three days the discharge from the nose becomes thicker and gives off a characteristic offensive odor. The nasal passages then become so clogged that the bird must breathe through its mouth. A discharge will also run from the eyes. This discharge gradually becomes thicker, causing painful swellings below or in the eye which often destroy it. As it hardens, this discharge may cause the eyes to be completely pasted shut and may gather in such quantities that the head is swollen to twice its normal size. Quite frequently these deposits will press down the roof of the mouth so that the fowl cannot swallow. In some cases there is a canker deposit of yellowish matter on the tissues of the mouth and throat. It is easily removed, however, and should not be confused with a deposit of similar appearance which is a symptom of diphtheria.

As soon as any fowl is known to be sick, put it at once to itself as far from the flock as possible and give it one full teaspoonful of epsom salts to remove cold and fever from the system. If the bowels have not moved by the following day, repeat the dose. Give one roup pill night and morning. Wash the affected eyes, nose and mouth once a day with a solution made by mixing one teaspoonful of dip and disinfectant in one quart of warm water. Soothe head, eyes and all into this solution each time. Roup will often yield to treatment if caught in time, but each



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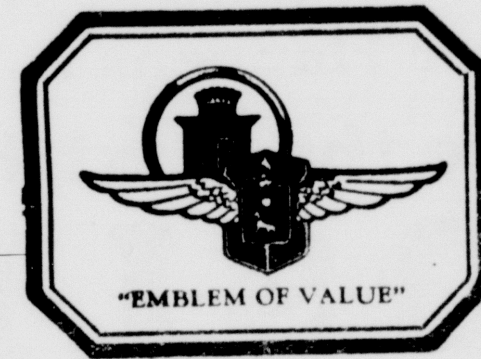
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case must be handled individually and more detailed instructions are required than the space allowed for this article will permit.

As a measure of protection for the balance of the flock, after infected birds are removed give epsom salts in a wet mash. Give one pound of epsom salts for each 100 fowls of lighter breeds or for each 75 of the heavier kinds, and repeat in one week. A saline purgative such as epsom salts is invaluable at such a time. By causing the prompt elimination of germ-laden matter, this simple remedy may keep many a good layer on the job without interruption.

But, after all, there's no remedy like the one quoted at the beginning of this article. I do not claim that roup and kindred diseases cannot invade the premises where sanitation and other precautionary measures are always observed. I do not hesitate to say, however, that the flock where such measures do not obtain is infinitely more liable to suffer infection. Furthermore, if the properly managed flock does become infected,

the damage will be much less than among fowls not so well cared for. The old maxim, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" may be well worn from much usage, but it is still as true as it ever was.

## 915 BUY AUTO PLATES

City Collector of the Revenue Ed Hollingsworth, reports that to date 915 automobile owners have invested in the new 1929 black and white auto license plates. Owners have until March 1 to change their plates and still remain within the law.

## FINED FOR DRUNKENNESS

Lee Dugan, Charleston youth, pleaded guilty in police court Saturday night to the charge of being drunk. A \$12 fine was assessed against him.

It is so difficult to tell how this Standard Oil battle of the proxies is coming out that it might not be a bad plan to settle it by a Literary Digest poll.—Hartford Courant.

## COLINE KING

Coline King, colored, was born February 20, 1895 and died last Friday, February 22, at the age of 34 years and 2 days. For the past years she had made her home with her sister, Laura King, in the Skillman cabins.

Coline had been a resident of New Madrid and Scott Counties all her life, having been born in New Madrid County. The body was taken to the home of her mother at New Madrid, where funeral services were conducted Monday at the Baptist church at 2:00 o'clock. Interment in Communion Cemetery in charge of Welsh.

Two sisters, Mary and Laura King, of Sikeston, one brother and her mother of New Madrid, survive.

## DAVE LUDY

Dave Ludy, colored, died on his birthday, February 22, last, at the age of 36 years, on a farm two miles southeast of Sikeston. Ludy had suffered for the past year with tuberculosis. Services were conducted at 2:00 o'clock Saturday at the family residence. Interment in Sikeston cemetery. Welsh service.

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We never knew before just what petty jealousy existed between lawyers until Friday evening when the Committee on Arrangements arranged to have the only lady present sit at the head of the table. At that the committee showed good taste, if it was a great disappointment to the distinguished toast master.

Barbers find themselves in a real dilemma, which somebody once described as the middle of a helluva fix. With most of the women going back to long hair an end is coming to rich revenues the bob brought to them. Meantime, millions of men who were crowded out of their turns by these feminine customers will refuse to forsake the safety razors and home service to which they had to turn. Barbers may find it necessary to put stocks of millinery, lingerie and cosmetics in order to get the money they are losing on women patrons who have reformed.—Paris Appeal.

We feel quite certain The Standard editor will not be called upon to recommend anyone as postmaster to succeed W. H. Tanner, deceased, but if we were, we would unhesitatingly recommend Mrs. W. H. Tanner. During his life, and for the past 16 years to our personal knowledge, Mr. Tanner was the real leader of the Republican party in Scott County, and was head and shoulders above the next. A large land owner that has been badly punished by farm conditions over which he had no control, his financial affairs are left in a critical condition, as are those of many others. Death came at an inopportune time, and if his wife could be appointed to fill out his unexpired term, it would be a gracious thing and a God's blessing for the wife and children.

The Standard editor has nothing particular to gripe about in this issue. The good Lord has been kind to us with health, and the merchants have been kind to us with patronage that has enabled us to buy food and fuel, and to contribute our mite to the Red Cross and other worthy causes. In return, we shall try to be humble in the sight of the Lord and to treat our fellow man on the square. We shall try to be of service to our community and to do our bit to uphold the morals, and to guard ourselves that no finger can point to us as living one life and practicing another.

The swish of the Death Scythe was heard by John Chaney Saturday afternoon as he became dizzy and affected by a weak heart. He was taken home and given heart stimulants

that revived him to such a degree that he was able to sit up for a time Sunday. These warnings are but a forecast of what must follow to all old people who are well on to the three score and ten. We are happy that he was spared as we believe him to be one of the best men we ever knew. We don't believe a single thought ever entered his head that was calculated to inconvenience or harm any living being. He is quiet and unassuming and when the final summons comes, he will be found ready as all is well with his soul. This is not an obituary but a small bouquet placed over a friend that we greatly admire.

Some way or other we cannot help but believe this will be one of the seasons that Southeast Missouri will come into her own. We have had plenty of rain, plenty of snow, plenty of freezes and thaws, which should leave the ground in fine working condition and the fertility greatly improved. With improved farm machinery, the farmer should be able to produce his crops at a minimum cost. A variety of crops should be grown in order all the eggs will not be in one basket. At least, here's hoping that a bountiful harvest will be reaped, and the price right.

This is the first February in years that we haven't had several nice days suitable for drilling oats. To date, it has been cold and snow and with March right at our door, it looks as though the oat acreage in this section will be short.

ART SENSENBAUGH FIGURES  
IN WRECK SUNDAY NIGHT

A Ford sedan, driven by Nick Williams, of Chaffee, ran into the Buick coupe in which Mr. and Mrs. Art Sensenbaugh and Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Limbaugh were going to Cape Girardeau Sunday evening about 8:15 o'clock, wrecking both cars. The accident happened a few miles north of Kelso on a long hill. Sensenbaugh was going north, when Williams' car suddenly came over the crest of the hill and crashed into the larger car. None of the six occupants of the Ford or the four in the Buick coupe was injured, but Sensenbaugh had to be towed in later that night.

Williams and his party of five are alleged to have been drinking. The Chaffee girl, who owned the Ford, ran over a boy in that city last week, injuring him, and also figured in two other accidents recently. Insurance will cover the damage on the Skeston car.

The dirt shoulders on Highway 61 were soft after the warm weather Sunday and probably caused another wreck about one mile north of the Sensenbaugh-Williams accident. A Whippet sedan was seen with the hood and radiator badly twisted, and the left front wheel smashed.

The Sunday evening Greyhound bus from the north stalled one mile north of Benton. Passengers were carried through on a relief bus, which came through Benton about 10:30 Sunday night.

REV. BELLANGER ACCEPTS  
CALL TO CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Bellanger, evangelists who closed a three-weeks' revival at the Christian Church Sunday night with a packed house and gallery, have accepted the call to minister here permanently. The first service at his new pastorate, according to Rev. Bellanger, will be held Easter Sunday. The evangelist and his wife left Skeston Monday morning for St. Louis, where they will spend several days before going to Princeton, Ind., for their household goods.

The revival meeting just closed here was very successful. Baptismal services for many new members were held Friday and Sunday nights.

Mr. and Mrs. Miley Limbaugh drove to Charleston Sunday.

Miss Mildred Stubblefield spent the week-end with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bowman and daughters drove to Charleston Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Anderson and children returned from Jacksonville, Ill., Sunday evening.

Miss Roberta Nobel of St. Louis, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Noble for a few days.

Miss Evelyn Sutton spent Saturday night and Sunday in Benton, the guest of Miss Leona Bertrand.

Mr. and Mrs. Arden Ellise and baby of Cape Girardeau were guests of Supt. and Mrs. R. V. Ellise last week.

J. W. Adams and son-in-law, Mr. Atler, of Poplar Bluff were visitors to the G. H. Barger home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Nellie Estes and daughter, Miss Grace, will occupy the Stubbs property on North and Stoddard Sts., after the first of March.

Miss Geraldine Waggoner returned to her duties as teacher at Eldorado, Ill., Sunday afternoon, after spending the week-end with her parents.

Lafe Claghove and wife were Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Barger, while enroute from Springfield, Mo., to Marion, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones, who have been living in Farmington for the past year, are now located in St. Louis, where Cecil has a position.

Mrs. Albert Shields left Sunday for Bonham, Texas, where she will make her home. Miss Lillian Shields will be located at the Loomis Mayfield home until the close of school.

C. O. Swannagon of Campbell has been transferred to Skeston as assistant of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. He will take his new position next week. His family will join him later on.

Mrs. S. L. Dicies of Mounds, Ill., returned to her home Sunday. Mrs. Dicies was called to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. M. L. Clayton, who was ill. We are glad to report that Mrs. Clayton is better.

J. A. Andres, 59-year-old owner and manager of the Andres' Meat Market on New Madrid Street, has been seriously ill with flu and Bright's disease for the past three weeks. His condition is gradually becoming worse. Nellie Andres, a daughter, is also laid up for a few days with neuritis. An older daughter, Mrs. Minnie Raguse, of Chicago, came home Sunday to stay with her father until he recovers from his present illness.

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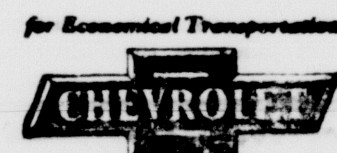
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The brainstorms that are occasionally to be found in the columns of The Standard are likely to happen to anyone who has an over amount of guts and an under amount of gray matter.

It is probably unbecoming in a lay brother to question the statement of any of our scientific brothers, but County Agent Renner stated Saturday at the Russell Brothers' demonstration that frying size chickens could be produced in eight weeks if directions were followed as given by the State Poultry Department. "We are from Missouri" and for many years raised several hundred fancy or exhibition chickens and at no time could we ever do better than have broilers, in weight from 1½ to 2 lbs., in eight weeks, and it required 12 weeks to produce a good sized fryer. We take issue again with the feed put before little chicks for the first time. Cracked corn for the first feed is enough to kill them as they have not had access to grit or shell to grind their feed and it will more than likely give them "crop bound" followed by indigestion and bowel disorders. Scientifically prepared dry mash or dry rolled oats is a fine first feed, but cracked corn should not be given them in great quantities until they are fairly well feathered.

Some wise guy said, "There's nothing new under the sun". He's all wet. Saturday, we received a catalogue from a Chicago jewelry firm advertising novelties among which we noted one that took our nanny-goat out for airing, and when we read it, we took a second slant at the wording to make sure we hadn't had one and was dreaming. As Little Jack Little says: "Here-'tis":

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## AT THE HOSPITAL

Mrs. Dola York of Big Opening entered the hospital Friday morning for observation.

Mrs. Jess Murphy of this city underwent a major operation Friday. She is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Jesse King is improving. Mrs. Less Pate and baby, Juanita Lee, were discharged from the hospital Friday morning and returned to their home in New Madrid.

Miss Dorothy Lands of this city, who suffered a broken leg when a car in which she was riding crashed into a wagon several weeks ago, was dismissed Friday morning.

Arthur Trigg, New Madrid man, who received a broken leg in a car accident while taking medicine to his sick wife, is improving.

Miss Mae Twitty is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Thelma Caldwell of Matthews will probably be discharged in a few days.

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### CHAPTER XIII

#### Under the Red Stone

The big room was a maze of shadows. Stable lanterns, flickering in the drafts, hung from hooks in walls and pillars. Toutou stayed his flight by the door to the courtyard, one ear inclined to the bedlam of shots and outcries that threaded the roar of the storm. As we burst in he raised a pistol and sprayed us with bullets as rapidly as he could pull the trigger. But he had the knife-fighter's inability to shoot straight. Bullets "phoned" all around us, yet none of us was hit.

Several men and women stared at us. Hilmi Bey peered from behind a pillar next to the courtyard door. He had plainly taken shelter at the crack of Helene's pistol. Montey Hilyer and Serge Vassilievich stood some distance to the right of us, paralyzed with surprise. Maude Hilyer and Sandra Vassilievna had risen from seats at the other end. Apparently they had supposed Toutou was engaged only with Helene.

He screamed at them, insensate in his fury. His knife still dripped blood. He flung his empty pistol at us. "Fools!" he shrieked. "We are betrayed!"

The door to the courtyard was open, and he spun on his heel and dodged behind a pillar. Tokalji reeled in.

"Strange Tziganes folk have burst the street door," he bellowed. "We—"

He gaped at sight of us.

"Quick!" Hugh shouted. "Scatter—before they shoot!"

Watkins and I jumped right and left. Hugh sought the shelter of a pillar.

"Shoot!" yelled Toutou. "Shoot! Fools! Swine! Dogs!"

And he babbled on obscenely, darting catlike from pillar to pillar toward Watty. Hilyer and Serge simultaneously came to life and made for us, guns spurting, throwing pieces of furniture to confuse us. Things happened so fast that it was impossible to keep track of everything, but I found myself in a pistol duel with Serge. Hugh and Watkins were blazing away at Hilmi, Hilyer and Tokalji, and Toutou was weaving through the smoke, seeking an opportunity to close with one of us. I paid no attention to the women until a bullet spat on a pillar by my ear. I knew it could not have come from the front, and started.

I turned to the left in time to see Sandra aiming deliberately at me. I dodged, and thereby opened myself to her brother's attack.

He was an expert marksman, and I realized there could be only one result for me if I continued exposed in flank. So I tore a lantern from its hook and flung it on the floor. The burning oil vomited forth a cloud of thick black smoke, and under cover of this, I changed my position, gaining the protection of another pillar. Here I was safe from Sandra; but her brother knew where I was and our duel continued. It was no steady stream of bullets, but a pot shot when ever one of us thought he saw an opportunity. All around us others were doing the same thing, and the vaulted roof rang to the reports, while the acrid fumes of the powder and the smoke from broken lamps stung the eyes. And outside the thunder was pealing and the lightning splitting the heavens and Nikka's men and Tokalji's gypsies were trying their feeble best to rival nature's forces.

Suddenly, I sensed that our opponents were bracing for a combined effort. There was a rapid-fire exchange of exclamations in the thieves' French and Tziganes dialect they used for confidential communication. I heard an empty cartridge clip jingle on the floor. But in the shifting of light: I

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smoke It was impossible now to tell real men from the shadows. I stuck my head around a pillar, crouched and slipped aside. Then, while I was unprotected, the rush came.

"Go!" called Hilyer's voice. The shadows were pricked with pistol flashes. Serge Vassilievich leaped for the pillar behind which I had stood, his gun blazing, knife in hand. He did not see me, on my knees, four feet to the right, and I put my first bullet in his thigh. He stopped as if a giant's hand had been shoved against his breast, tottered and fell backward. As he fell, one of the burning oil pools ignited a bundle of blankets, and the rising flames sketched us both clearly against the darkness that shrouded the far end of the room.

There was a scream. I recognized Sandra's voice, but I could not see her. Instead, I saw Hilmi Bey sneaking on Watkins, who was holding back Toutou. I drove the Levantine away with my first shot. Then the hammer clicked, and I knew the magazine was empty. I dropped to my knee again, thinking I was concealed by a patch of shadow, and fumbled for a fresh clip. But the treacherous light flared upward, the shadow disappeared and I was left defenseless. I saw a raging figure, hair flying, pistol raised, running at me. I saw the pistol flash, felt a numbing blow on my shoulder and tumbled in a heap.

For a second my eyes misted, the room danced before me. Then I heard a chatter of Russian and Watkins, mildly disapproving.

"None of that 'ere, miss. If you please, now! I don't want to 'urt you, but—"

I looked up. Sandra, her face contorted with demonic rage, her empty pistol shaking in her hand, was backing away before Watty's menacing crouch.

A woman screamed again, horribly, so that it rasped your heart-strings. It was Maude Hilyer. She stood, with hands clutching her cheeks, her gaze on the center of the room where Montey staggered against a pillar, the blood from a punctured lung gurgling in his throat, bravely trying for the last time to raise the smoking muzzle of his automatic.

Hugh, relieved of the Englishman's attack, was taking pot shots at Toutou and Hilmi. I saw Tokalji slip through the door into the rain, and as Vernon King ran up the stairs from the atrium Hilmi followed the Tziganes and Toutou jumped through a window, squawling like the big cat he was. Behind me Watkins was scientifically roping Sandra, hand and foot, regardless of the curses she spat in three languages. Vassilievich had fainted from the pain of his wound. Maude Hilyer sat on the dirty floor, under the single wobbling lantern that remained intact, and cradled the head of her dying husband. We had swept the House of the Married.

Or had we? As I tried unsuccessfully with one hand to reload my pistol, I felt a pressure at my back. I turned and very nearly impaled myself on a long knife blade. A tense, willowy figure, bare-footed and tumble-haired, stood over me.

"You are Jakka," said Kara in the Tziganes dialect—I could understand simple phrases after my experience with Nikka's tribespeople. "Where is Nikka?"

Dumfounded, I pointed to the courtyard. She glided toward the door, but Hugh intervened.

"Not so fast," he said. "Whose friend are you?"

She did not understand him, and raised her knife.

"She's all right, Hugh," I called. "She's trying to find Nikka—must have been asleep upstairs. Let her go."

But she did not wait for him to stand aside. With a single leap, she put one of the pillars between him and herself, and vaulted from the window Toutou had escaped by.

"Nothing slow about that girl," said Hugh. "Everybody whole?"

A pistol cracked in the doorway, and the bullet sang by his ear.

"They're still after us," he commented, dropping beside me. "Have to load my gun."

"Then load mine, too," I said. "My left shoulder's hit—whole arm is no use."

He laid down his automatic.

"We'll carry you inside with Betty. I see Watty has made a prisoner, and Vassilievich had better be watched. You can—"

"I will not," I returned. "We'll need every man before we finish tonight. Hear that!"

The courtyard had become an inferno—yells, screams, howls, shots, the beat of the rain and the din of the storm.

"Tie my arm to my side, and I'll be O. K.," I urged.

Betty crawled between us.

"Did I hear you call me?" she asked. "My word!" grunted Hugh. "Get back, Bet. This is—"

"Touch and go," she supplemented his sentence. "I have Helene's gun. You boys had better help Nikka. I can guard this place."

A whistle whirled in the courtyard. "Hugh!" It was Nikka's voice.

"Jack!"

There was a racket of shots.

"Yes, he must be badly outnumbered," muttered Hugh. "No time to lose. Here, Jack, where's your handkerchief? Right O! Thanks, Bet. Not too tight. Can you stand that?"

"Yes, load my gun, somebody."

Betty, took it. King, esconced behind an adjacent pillar, fired at the door.

"They seem to be waiting for us out there," he observed.

"Yes," said Hugh. "Betty, you lie here in the shadows. Don't let anybody approach you, no matter what

they say. Keep an eye on Mrs. Hilyer and the Russian girl—and her brother. See him over there? He's done in, for the time being, but if he comes to maybe you'd better tie him up."

"Don't you worry about me," answered Betty valiantly. "I can take care of myself. Do hurry!"

"Ere, your lads!" came a throaty whisper from Watkins. "This way, gentlemen."

He was at the far end of the room, and while we watched, he put his hat on the end of his crouch—from which he refused to be parted—and stuck it above the sill of a window.

"I've done this twice now, your lads," he added, "and nothing's happened. They ain't watching 'ere."

A little investigation proved that he was right, and we crawled out into the rain and huddled against the house wall, attempting to disentangle the situation. The rain was descending in slanting, blinding sheets. Pistols cracked and men gasped or shouted, but we could not tell whether they were friends or foes. As we waited, two men dashed by, one in pursuit of the other. It was impossible for us to intervene. Then, with a preliminary crash of thunder, the lightning zigzagged across the sky, and for the twinkling of an eye the courtyard was as bright as day.

I had an impression of bodies scattered here and there, and little clusters of men that struggled and ran. Over in the corner of the courtyard wall by the bachelors' house men swirled in a tumultuous mass. The darkness closed down once more, thick and wet and cold.

"Coming, Nikka!" shouted Hugh. And to us, "The big fight is the key to

everything. We must break it up. They've got Nikka pinned in."

Tokalji's gang faced around as we attacked their rear; but we went clean through them and almost drove on to the knives of Nikka's party.

"After them!" panted Hugh. "We've got 'em breaking!"

Nikka called to his men in their own tongue, and they lined up with us in a thin file across the courtyard from wall to wall. Behind Nikka I had a brief vision of an assassin who had flanked us and lifted my automatic—

but something, the proud poise of the head, perhaps, warned me it was Kara. There was a crackle of pistol fire in front of us, and a knot of figures swayed into view, distorted, indistinct. The deluge seemed to act as a freak lens to play tricks with normal vision; and possibly that was why comparatively few were shot. Twice I had men fair over the barrel of my pistol, and both times I missed—and I am rather better than a good shot. But I had no time for philosophizing.

Toutou and Hilmi Bey went for Nikka. He was bleeding from a cut in the arm, and all his men were engaged. Hugh, with King and Watty, was developing an encircling movement on the opposite end of the line. I started to go to Nikka's aid, but a man sprang at me from nowhere, and I was obliged to dodge him until I had a chance to shoot. I did not miss that time. When I looked again, Nikka and Toutou were circling each other, and Hilmi was at grips with Kara.

At first I thought the Levantine was scheming to throw the girl, but as I drew near I perceived that he had clinched with her in mortal terror of her knife. She held his own powerless by her grasp of his wrist. A mocking light gleamed in her eyes, and she shook back her loose hair and jeered at him in the Tziganes dialect. With one pudgy hand he strove to ward off her blade, but he could not control her lithe muscles. She tore her wrist free, the steel drove home through his sodden frock coat and he collapsed with a squeal.

Kara pulled out her knife as casually as though it had been a familiar occurrence, and turned to watch Nikka's fight with Toutou. Nikka from the corner of his eye saw the two of us, plainly waiting a chance to help him, and he leaped clear of the circle long enough to snap:

"Let be! I finish this alone!"

I couldn't have helped him, in any case, for as redoubtable a person as Tokalji, himself, attacked me at that moment. Kara did not even notice my danger. She also ignored the man she called father. Her whole attention was concentrated upon Nikka. I fired once at the gypsy chief, and missed.

That was the last cartridge in the magazine, and I attempted to lose him in the rain. But he refused to be lost, and I was making up my mind to take

his knife in my wounded arm and batter his head with my pistol butt, when Watkins loomed in the mist and brought down his trusty crowbar on Tokalji's knife-wrist. The gypsy yelped like a dog, and the knife clattered on the ground. Watty produced some rope from a pocket and deftly twisted the man's arms behind him. Tokalji yelped again.

"Easy," I said. "The fellow's wrist is broken."

"I'm tying 'im above the elbows, Mister Jack, sir," answered Watty. "But if it did 'urt 'im a bit I wouldn't worry, sir. I 'ave an idea, sir, 'e was one of the scoundrels that bashed me 'ead."

My one thought was of Nikka, and I sought him over the rain-battered area of the court. The fighting had drifted away toward the sea wall. There seemed to be nobody near me. I listened hard, and in a lull of the storm my ears detected the click of blades. I stumbled toward it, and nearly fell on top of Kara, crouching as I had left her, eyes glued on the two men who circled tirelessly, steel-lipped arms crooked before them.

Toutou had a huge advantage in reach, but Nikka had the benefit of lithe agility, a wrist of iron—the result of years of bowing; a hawk's eyes; and all the tricks with the blade that the people of his race have amassed in centuries of bloody strife. Four times, while I watched, Toutou endeavored to force down Nikka's knife by the sheer strength of his gorilla-like arm, and each time Nikka disengaged and refused to give the opportunity his adversary needed. Twice Nikka tried a certain trick, a combination of lightning thrusts and clever footwork. But the Frenchman parried it each time, and retaliated so quickly as to drive Nikka out of reach.

Neither of them said anything. Toutou spat and whined in his throat, cat-fashion. Nikka panted from exertion. Both of them dripped with sweat, notwithstanding the rain. There was something of an epic quality about their struggle, and I discovered myself taking the same almost impersonal interest in it that Kara demonstrated. By all the principles of normal right behavior, I should have ignored Nikka's command to let him fight it out alone, and rushed in at the first opening to kill a monster, who did not deserve and had no appreciation of knightly treatment. But I could not. I was chained by an emotion I could not fathom.

And yet I was absorbed in Nikka's success. My heart leaped in my throat when I saw that he was trying for the third time the trick which had twice failed. His knife went up in the same way, he shifted posture as he had in his other tries, and Toutou mechanically side-stepped, as experience had told him was safe and aimed a stab which should have cut Nikka's throat. But Nikka was not there. He had varied the trick. Stopping, his knife had fallen, then sliced upward—and Toutou staggered, a look of bland surprise on his face, ripped open from belly to chest.

"Pt-ssss-ss-ss-ss!" he hissed, and fell forward.

Kara hurled herself into Nikka's arms.

"You are the greatest knife-fighter of the Tziganes!" she cried triumphantly. "You are a king! You are my man! See, while you conquered your enemy, I, too, stabbed the rat who tried to put his knife in your back."

And she led Nikka to the body of Hilmi, which, I regret to say, she kicked with her brown toes. Nikka absently leaped over to wipe his knife on the Levantine's coat-tails, but Kara intervened.

"No, no," she exclaimed. "Here is my hair! Wipe it on my hair, beloved of my heart. Let me suck it clean with my lips! So we shall have strong sons."

Nikka looked sufficiently annoyed to show that he had some instincts of civilization remaining.

"Peace," he ordered royally. "Be quiet, girl!"

She covered before him, and he recognized me.

"Oh, hullo, Jack! Where's Hugh?"

Hugh loomed up through the rain as he spoke.

"That you, Nikka? We think we've got Tokalji's people rounded up, but we need you to talk to them. Has Toutou—"

"He's there."

Nikka pointed his knife to the heap of drab garments that had been the French "killer."

"Good for you!" exclaimed Hugh. "I'm glad he didn't get off. When you think of Uncle James and—that girl we saw—and I suppose others! What a beast!"

We splashed after him, Kara following Nikka like a dog. Wasso Mikali, his surviving young men, King and Watkins were guarding thirteen shivering gypsies in the lee of the bachelors' quarters. In reply to questions, Tokalji told Nikka—and Kara, shamelessly throwing in her lot with us, corroborated him—that there had been fifteen of them band on the premises. A search of the courtyard disclosed two of them dead, together with one of Wasso Mikali's men. We bound the arms of the prisoners, most of them suffering from bullet wounds or stabs, and marched them over to the House of the Married.

The one lantern was still flickering when we entered, and Betty rose to greet us.

"Thank God!" she said soberly as her eyes envisaged us all. "What did you do with Mrs. Hilyer?"

"Isn't she here?" asked Hugh.

"No. I don't know just when she left. There was a lot of firing, and I looked to where she had been sitting by her husband, and she was gone."

(Continued Friday)

### REPORTS DENIES VARE RIGHT TO SENATE SEAT

Washington, February 22.—The Reed Campaign Fund Committee today filed a final report in the Senate declaring Senator-elect William S. Vare, Republican, of Pennsylvania, "is not entitled to a seat in the United States Senate."

The report was unanimous by the committee of three Republicans and two Democrats. The committee filed likewise a series of special reports from investigators, revealing election frauds and irregularities on the part of Vare followers in the Pennsylvania senatorial election of 1926.

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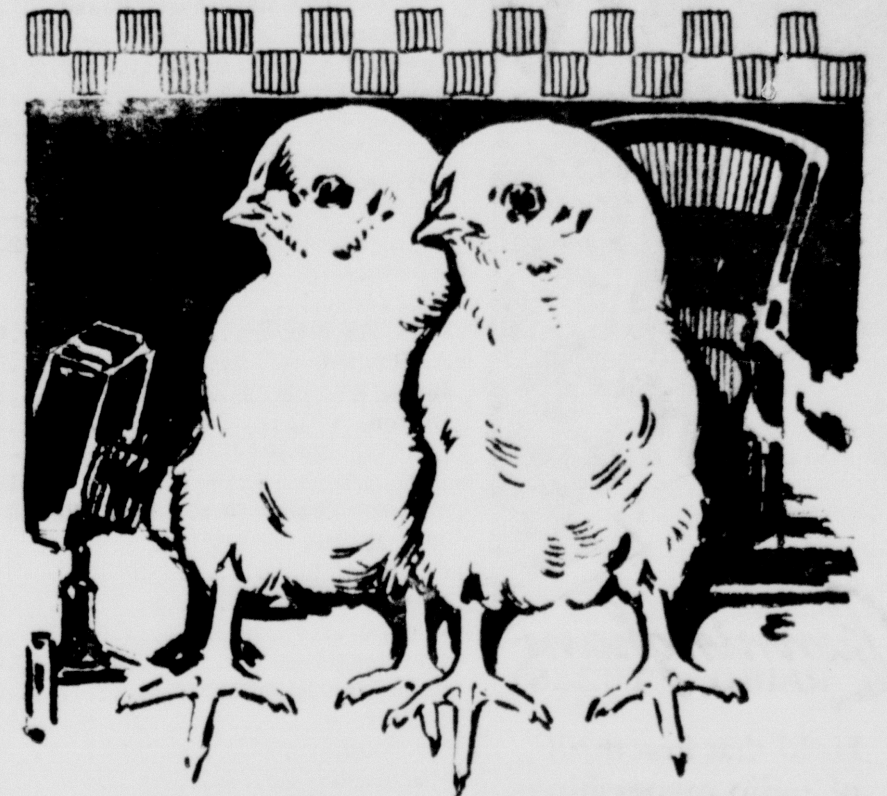
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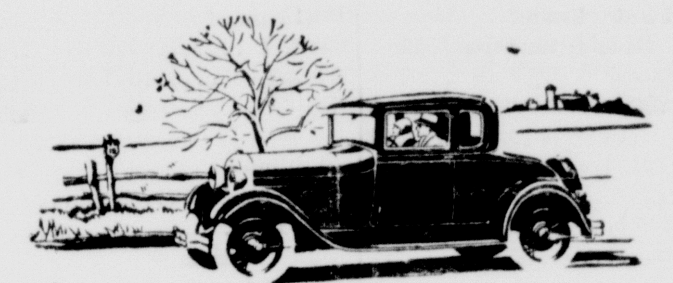
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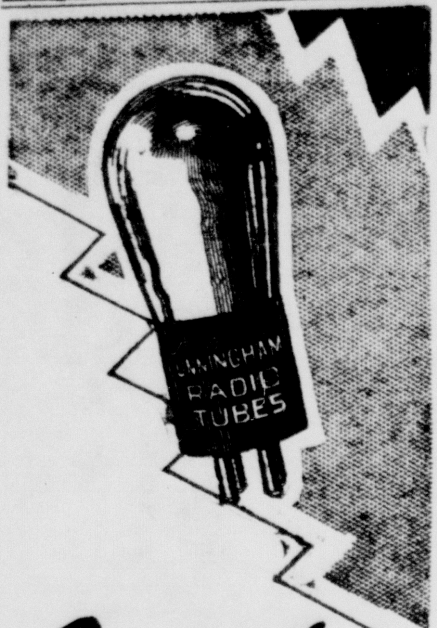
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Everets, g	0
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**The Tournament By Rounds**  
The fourth annual Boys' Basketball tournament swung under way at 8:00 o'clock Friday morning, when coaches of eight teams drew for positions. Poplar Bluff, Charleston, Matthews, New Madrid, Cape Girardeau, Anniston, Fruitland and Sikeston were represented.

<b>First Round</b>	
Matthews—Cape Girardeau, 8:25.	
Matthews—	
M. Dover, f	5
Wilburth, f	4
Sutton, c	13
Spalding, g	3
Waters, g	1
G. Dover, f	2

<b>Cape Girardeau—</b>	
Davis, f	13
Brase, f	1
King, c	4
Hirsch, g	3
Wickham, g	2
Estes, g	2

<b>Second Game—First Round</b>	
Charleston—	
Brown, f	10
Meyers, f	0
Lee, c	2
Perkins, g	4
Jackson, g	4
Sikeston—	
Cox, f	3
J. H. Hayden, c	6
Morrow, g	5
Jones, g	2
Bruton, f	2

<b>Third Game—10:15—First Round</b>	
New Madrid—	
Carrigan, f	4
Crisler, f	0
Riley, c	2
Ransburgh, g	0
Smith, g	0
Hunter, g	2
La Plant, f	8
Richardson, f	1

<b>Fruitland—</b>	
Templeton, f	13
Schreiner, f	7
E. McDowell, c	8
Masterson, g	0
C. McDowell, g	0
Winter, g	2
Cowan, f	1
Anderson, f	6

<b>Fourth Game—First Round</b> 11:25-12:30	
Poplar Bluff—	
Duckles, f	9
Dicus, f	7
Lawson, c	10
Borth, g	0
Mengel, g	2
Kinkad, f	2

<b>Second Game</b>	
Poplar Bluff—	
Duckles, f	11
Dicus, f	9
Lawson, c	3
Borth, g	0
Mengel, g	2

<b>Fruitland—</b>	
Templeton, f	9
Anderson, f	2
E. McDowell, c	12
Masterson, g	5
Winter, g	0
C. McDowell, g	6

<b>First Round</b>	
Matthews—Cape Girardeau, 8:25.	
Matthews—	
M. Dover, f	5
Wilburth, f	4
Sutton, c	13
Spalding, g	3
Waters, g	1
G. Dover, f	2

<b>Second Game Consolation—2 p. m.</b>	
New Madrid—	
La Plant, f	0
Carrigan, f	12

Crisler, f	0
Riley, c	4
Smith, g	0
Ransburgh, g	0
Hunter, g	2
Richardson, f	2
Anniston—	
Tatum, f	8
Jenkins, f	4
Blackwell, c	8
Morrow, g	1
Stocks, g	0
Jones, g	0

One of the best games of the day, teams about same size and evenly matched. Wid Matthews referee. Score never more than two points difference in second half.  
Foul shot by Tatum in last ten second of play won for Anniston.  
**First Game—Semi-Finals Championship Bracket—3 p. m.**

<b>Charleston—</b>	
Meyers, f	4
Bryant, f	0
Perkins, c	2
Jackson, g	4
Lee, g	7
Grace, g	6
Galliday, f	0
Matthews—	
M. Dover, f	11
Wilburth, f	11
Sutton, c	4
Spalding, g	1
Waters, g	0
King, f	2
Cantrell, g	1
G. Dover, f	2

<b>Second Game</b>	
Poplar Bluff—	
Duckles, f	11
Dicus, f	9
Lawson, c	3
Borth, g	0
Mengel, g	2

#### FRAZIER TELLS FARMERS HOW TO MAKE ARTIFICIAL MANURE FROM STRAWSTACKS

L. N. Frazier, representative of the Oliver Chilled Plow Works, who supervised a display of farm machinery and an educational program at Russell Brothers Saturday, told his audience how to convert strawstacks into artificial manure.

"One of the problems that is facing the American farmer today, is the production of a cheaper fertilizer. To the men who are raising small grain, they have a source of supply, that has heretofore, been burned, because we had no method of getting it into shape for distribution in any reasonable time, so had to burn it, or let an acre of valuable land lay idle for two to three years, before the straw was decomposed, to the point, where it could be spread on the land.  
In a series of experiments that have been conducted over a space, there has been found a way in which these straw stacks may be made ready to spread on the land, the same year threshed, thus saving the land that would lay idle, and also getting the benefit of the fertilizer on the following crop.

In these experiments, it has been found that with a chemical mixture of 45 per cent ammonium sulphate, 40 per cent finely ground limestone, and 15 per cent acid phosphate, to the hundred pounds, makes a mixture, that when applied to the straw, will cause it to be decomposed, so as to be available by November or December of the same year threshed.

This is put into the stack by means of a shaker set on top of the separator, driven by a belt from the shaker shaft, and water by means of a fish-tail nozzle, mounted at the end of the blower pipe.

The flow of both water and chemicals was adjusted so that 150 pounds of the chemical mixture was added to each ton of straw, and the straw would retain without loss.

The weight of the straw threshed per bushel of grain, was determined, by subtracting from the weight of a load of sheaves, the weight of the grain contained and dividing the difference by the number of bushels.

Another pile was used also, using the chemicals dry, but not piling the straw over six feet high, as that is about as high as the average rainfall will care for.

It has been found that manure produced in this manner and spread with a manure spreader, on the fall crop of wheat, will keep down a large amount of freezing out of wheat in the winter, also prevent blowing on the more sandy ground, as we have north and east of us here at Sikeston.

**To the Editor:**  
In regards to your article in Friday's Standard: "Sikeston is the home of live wires" perhaps for this reason the business men and people of our town hesitate to invest more capital in these enterprises.  
When the local shoe factory was built here, our people came forward nobly to help finance the proposition with the one thought in mind, that our people here would have employment and the houses we built would find ready renters.  
Our houses are empty (and rent is no higher here than other places).  
The factory employer any number of people from out of town places, where they spend their money and our boys and girls go elsewhere to seek jobs. We know there are two sides of this hiring and firing question, but the one side that looms the biggest is the "Superintendent man". Whatever he says, goes. It looks like a loss of money for the factory to train these workers for a year or more then make conditions so unbearable for them by a little ignorant head versed more in making cow hides into shoes than he is in making a contented and helpful employee of our factory. Thus our merchants and business men do not care to invest more money to employ people who live and spend their money elsewhere while our people roam from home to find jobs where they can work contentedly and still hold their self-respect.  
One of the head bosses is paying for a home, the job is secure. Employees are afraid to buy on account of unsecure jobs. Those that have bought, found their jobs gone and had to sell at a loss, sometimes to go somewhere else or to live while trying to get in some other kind of profitable employment.  
If any more factories are to be financed by our people, see that they thoroughly understand "our's come first" where jobs are concerned. If any firing is done, let the employee be treated like postoffice employees are. When they are fired, a letter containing the charges are filed with the head of the department and one with the man fired.  
If our people can make good some place else, there is something radically wrong with existing conditions here. Unless other factories are conducted on a more business-like and more humane plan, they would not add much to the finances of our city or our people.  
—A SQUARE SHOOTER.

In an attempt to learn both sides of the factory situation, one of which was outlined in a letter to the Editor, Manager W. L. Hutters was interviewed. In speaking of hiring and firing promiscuously, he said: "It would be foolish for any factory manager to train men for the questional pleasure of being able to fire them. Labor turnover is a big item, and the firing of any man is done only to maintain the efficiency of the plant.  
"Whenever we do find it necessary to lay a man off work, a report of the transaction is kept on file here and another is sent to the main office in St. Louis.

"We determined by an actual poll of workers in the factory that 93 per cent of the employees are local people. We have been forced", he said, "to go out of town for a small percentage of female help, and that was because they were not available near home. Just 7 per cent of our employees live out of town and drive back and forth, but many of them were originally residents of the city, and have since moved away—why I can't say. Of this 7 per cent, numbering 42, thirty-six are girls and six are heads of families.

"In hiring workmen, we prefer heads of families", said Mr. Hutters, "because they have more stability about them, and they make permanent employees. We can usually depend on them".

The manager added that at present the factory is running at peak production. "The schedule calls for five and one-half days, but we are forced to work six days to come out", he added.

The investigation of resident and out-of-town workers is summarized in an accurate list of all workers in the factory, and is at present before the writer. It will be shown on request at The Standard office.

**To the Editor of The Standard:**

I noticed in your paper that there had been a bill before the House of Representatives to require the daily reading of the Bible in our public schools, which was rejected. As much as I love the dear old Book, I think they did the people of Missouri a great favor. While if the law had of required them to begin at the first verse of Genesis and quit at the last verse of Revelations, there no doubt would have been some good accomplished, providing the teachers were forbidden to comment on any part of the scriptures. But the law did not carry this clause. Therefore, there would be no end to the trouble and confusion such a law would cause. For there are so many different peo-

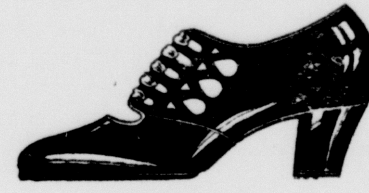
ple, with so many different ideas as to what the Bible teaches and no two of them alike. Of course, if a teacher was a Baptist, she or he, would try to make Baptists of all her pupils. They would want to teach them, that once in grace always in grace. That would cause all the Methodists, Nazarenes, Pentecosts, and others, to rise up and object to such teachings. If a teacher was a Methodist, of course he would teach that sprinkling or pouring was just as good as baptism. Of course, the Baptist would not stand for that. And if the teacher was a Nazarene, he would want to impress upon the minds of his pupils that they must get the second blessing in order to keep saved. If a teacher was a Pentecost, he would also teach that one must get the second blessing, but would have to have the evidence that they had received it by speaking in tongues. And perhaps would give a demonstration by falling over on the floor grunting and groaning like a dying cow. Yes, just talking to the Lord, so they say. And if a teacher was one of those fellows that they call Campbellites, he would want to teach the pupils that in order to be saved, one must repent and be baptised for remissions of sins. Well, it is easy to see that there would be trouble for everybody. So the House of Representatives has extended our era of religious peace, by rejecting this law.

While I believe everybody should read the Bible more than they do. They should not only read it and study it, but should go by what it says, instead of going by what man says. The great trouble with the religious world of today is, people do not go by what the Holy Scriptures, but have accepted in lieu men's opinions. Therefore are divided in all directions and never will become as one in Christ Jesus. All know that man knows nothing about God, and his dealing with man, accept that which is revealed in God's word. Therefore, if a man wants to know what to do to be saved, he should go to the Bible to find out. Not to the preacher. For if the preacher should tell him correctly, it would at least be second handed stuff and should not be relied upon, because there is such price at stake. If we should analyze the average sermon that is preached today, we would find it something like this: Men's opinion, 99½ per cent; true gospel, ½ of 1 per cent.  
—GEO. W. ANDERSON.

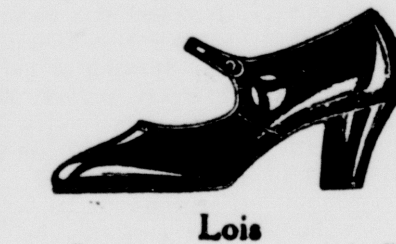
Elvins—Meeting held here recently to discuss street pavement project.



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## 80 LAWYERS ATTEND ANNUAL BANQUET

Eighty members of the Southeast Missouri Bar Association, representing eleven counties, were present Friday night at their annual banquet meeting of the organization at the Hotel Marshall.

Harry C. Blanton, president of the Scott County Bar Association, presided at the meeting. Mayor N. E. Fuchs gave the address of welcome, and Ralph E. Bailey, Chairman of the Program Committee, extended greetings from the Scott County Bar Association. Mr. Bailey mentioned the fact that such informal meetings furnished the only opportunity for lawyers and judges to know one another better. He quoted the incident of Judge Sheppard of Poplar Bluff, who during a trial in Circuit Court, was fired upon by a defendant. The speaker regretted that not more of the honorable gentlemen of the bench could not be present at the meeting "so that they might learn what was in store for them."

R. L. Ward, President of the Missouri Bar Association, also acted as toastmaster at the banquet meeting, and told of the work of that organization in the State. Toastmaster Ward took exception to the placement of the only "flower" of the banquet by the side of certain members of the committee on arrangements.

Dean William G. Hale, head of the School of Law at Washington University, St. Louis, spoke on "Some Modern Challenges to the Law and Some Methods of Meeting Them", being the principal talk of the meeting. The speaker told his hearers that the law profession was fully 150 years behind that of medicine, in keeping up with the progress of the times. He cited the origin of the English common law on notes, making comparison between conditions in that country in this with relation to the laws, delays, slow action on judgments and backward lawyers. At that time, he said, merchants and business men organized their own courts of arbitration and ignored the courts and lawyers altogether. Such a condition, he indicated, might possibly arise in this country at this time unless certain changes in procedure were made. He asked his hearers to work toward the application of modern principles of administration of law to modern problems, to modernize business requirements, and to better educate lawyers. He pointed out also that the public be better informed of the laws demands, saying that violations as a rule, arise from ignorance arising out of inadequate information by the public, and not from willful disobedience of law.

James A. Potter, of Jefferson City, Secretary of the Missouri Bar Association, suggested that Southeast Missouri lawyers make an effort to place one of their number on the Board of Commissioners of the Missouri Supreme Court, as they are now represented.

Short talks were also made by Judge Frank Kelly of Cape Girardeau, Judge A. C. Sheppard of Poplar Bluff, Charles Lyle of Dexter and James E. King of St. Louis, treasurer of the State organization.

The Caruthersville Harmony Trio Messrs. Zaricor, Medling and Zaricor rendered several selections during the first part of the program. During the seating of the members and guests Mrs. Bess Cook, Miss Margaret Woods and Leland Payne offered a lively march selection. The trio offered other musical numbers during the banquet proper. Miss Margaret Woods of Columbia also entertained with a beautiful violin solo.

### CONCERNING PANTS

Lives of publishers oft remind us.  
Honest toil don't have a chance  
The more we work we leave behind  
us

Bigger patches on our pants.  
On our pants once new and glossy  
Now patched with different hues  
All because subscribers linger  
And neglect to pay their dues.

So my friends, be up and doing,  
Send your mite however small,  
Lest the winds of stormy winter  
Find us with no pants at all.

—Chesterfield News.

Although bamboos produce both flowers and seeds, 50, 60 or even 100 years elapse between the blooming periods of most species.

W. O. Burnett, living west of Matthews, was a caller at The Standard office Saturday and left \$1.50 for the paper. The editor and wife enjoyed a social visit with him.

## RUSSELL BROTHERS' OLIVER DAY DRAWS 400 FARMERS— HEAR FOUR GOOD SPEAKERS

The annual "Oliver Day" educational and exhibit program sponsored jointly by Russell Brothers, implement dealers and the Oliver Chilled Plow Works of South Bend, Ind., attracted more than 400 farmers Saturday, at the all-day meeting. Illustrated lectures by four prominent speakers made up the day's program.

Paul H. Teal, graduate of Purdue University and now Mississippi County Farm Agent, opened the morning session with a talk on "Lime and Legumes". Mr. Teal stressed the importance of soybeans for feeding purposes especially for dairy cattle. He also mentioned the building up values of sweet clover and soybeans on the land.

A. J. Renner, Scott County Farm Agent, spoke first on the afternoon program, his subject being "Poultry". He used lantern slides to illustrate the points in his talk on the essentials of raising baby chicks. Renner told his audience that this was the time to hatch heavy breeds—before April 1. Lighter breeds, he said, could be hatched by April 15. The other "essentials" of his plan are: 1. raise on fresh, clean ground using a movable brooder. 2. Feed a balanced ration, consisting of cracked yellow corn and mash. The latter, he indicated could be mixed at home from the following formula: 30 parts bran, 30 parts shorts, 30 parts cracked yellow corn, 25 parts dried buttermilk, 5 pounds bone meal and 1 lb. salt.

Mr. Renner made a point of feeding the chicks, saying that if his "Missouri Plan" is strictly followed, it is possible to raise fryers in eight weeks. "Do not feed chicks at all for the first 60 to 70 hours, he said, then give them all the cracked corn they will eat in twenty minutes. Seven hours later feed them all the mash they will eat in 20 minutes, and alternate in this way every seven hours until the chicks are from 8 to 10 days. After that, feed grain in the morning, keep mash before them constantly and again feed grain in the evening.

3. Brood each hatch separately, so that you will have a uniform flock at the end of the season. 4. Separate the cockerels from the pullets and sell the male birds to help pay expenses on the layers. 5. Renner made another point of keeping a constant temperature of 98 degrees in the brooder house during the first ten days. "Use a thermometer", he said, "and hang it two inches from the floor and three or four inches from the hover." The speaker cited the instance of Mrs. Joe Pfefferkorn of Oran, who in following the Missouri Plan, raised the average egg production of her flock from 11 to nearly 25 per hen.

Dr. John H. Gehrs, dairy specialist at the Southeast Missouri Teachers' College at Cape Girardeau, chose as his subject "Better Sires For Your Dairy Herd".

The speaker told his audience that "the easiest, safest and best way to improve a dairy herd is by the use of good sires", and backed up his statements with statistics on improvement in the second and third generation. Dairying, he said, is an occupation which can well be carried on in connection with regular farm work. It protects the soil, gives constant employment, it is safe and staple and there is a constant demand for dairy products which will turn labor to constant, steady profit.

Ernest Liehn, a native of Denmark, and specialist at the State University of Iowa, on feeding young dairy stock, spoke on this subject. His hearers at first found some difficulty in following his remarks, but they soon learned that he knew his subject, and that he was full of experience. Mr. Liehn said that it takes 600 pounds of corn if fed alone to produce 100 pounds of pork. It would take exactly half as much corn if sweet skimmed milk is fed along.

The breaking strength of bones in hogs is also increased 100 per cent by feeding skim milk, he said. Chickens will double their egg production if fed milk with their grain rations, he added, in showing his audience the value of cows to the farmer. A ton of cottonseed meal will be worth from 25 to 30 per cent of the original cost in fertilizer after it has been fed to your dairy herd, he said illustrating the same point. To enter the dairy business, he said, one needs good cows, good men, and good feed.

A good dairyman, he said, can't be lazy. He must be quiet around stock. He must be exacting, and he must be on time. To illustrate his last two points, he said that when the dairy-

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## CO. K ALL SET FOR INSPECTION

During one period a few years ago it was quiet all along the Potomac, but in Southeast Missouri, as far as the 140th Infantry is concerned, all is active. The Annual Army Inspection is on in full blast. This is the annual examination for the Guardsmen and all ranks are putting in extra time preparing for it.

Last Monday at De Soto, Captain J. S. Claussen, Infantry, D. O. L., inspected Co. H, Tuesday, at Festus he inspected Co. M.

On Wednesday he inspected the Howitzer Company at Lutesville, and on Thursday and Friday, the Service Section and Headquarters Company 3rd Battalion at Cape Girardeau were inspected.

Tonight (Monday) the Band Section at Chaffee will omit all sour notes and following the Inspection will have a banquet. This banquet is an annual affair and always follows the inspection.

Tuesday, our local Guard unit, Co. K will get the Inspecting Officer's attention, and the troopers have been preparing for it in such a manner that there can be no doubt of the outcome.

Equipment has been cleaned. The web belts have been recolored and all are uniform in appearance. Each noncommissioned officer is on his toes and ready to do whatever the Inspector calls for.

The supply rooms have been entirely rebuilt and all equipment and clothing has been rearranged and prepared for a critical examination. Supply Sergeant Ancel has a store room now that is ready to serve as a model, and officers from several organizations in the 140th Infantry have seen it recently and have commented very favorably on its appearance.

A new Orderly room was secured last week and all records have been gone over and every effort has been made to out guess the Inspector.

Captain Rufus Reed has held extra drills and each officer and enlisted man has prepared himself so that it is felt that Sikeston will feel proud of the Guard, and the rating that Co. K will receive for 1929.

On Friday, the officers of the 140th Infantry held a conference at the Hotel Marquette, at Cape Girardeau in the afternoon and took up several matters pertaining to the Inspection.

At 6:30 the officers and ladies had a dinner at the same place and then the officers attended the Inspection of Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion.

Following the Inspection, the orchestra from the Regimental Band furnished music for dancing at the hotel.

Capt. Reed has extended an invitation to all citizens to attend the Inspection here Tuesday night at 8:15, as it is desired that all see how Co. K looks when at its best. The Company will form at 7:00 o'clock for a last going over by the company officers prior to the Inspection.

Members of Henry Meldrum Post No. 114, of the Legion, have accepted the invitation to attend in a body as they did last year. The Post will meet at Dudley's Confectionery at 7:45. Post caps will be worn.

## MISSOURI CATTLE RUSTLER GETS 2-YEAR SENTENCE

Charleston, February 22.—While a jury deliberated over his fate, Wm. Garner, 25, a farmer, charged with cattle rustling, changed his plea from not guilty to guilty in Circuit Court here, and was sentenced by Judge Frank Kelly to serve two years in prison.

The jurors, discharged, said they had considered a verdict sentencing Garner to three years' imprisonment. Garner was accused of stealing cattle from his neighbors and transporting them by truck to St. Louis, where they were sold.

Garner will be remembered as one of the men arrested in Mississippi County some months ago on evidence furnished by R. S. Coleman, truckman of this city, who had been hired to haul the cattle to St. Louis markets. Coleman later found out that the "cattle buyers" were rustlers, and spent several days running them to earth.

Now it is charged that a woman has been giving orders to the Governor of Oklahoma. That puts him in the same position as the Governors of California, New Jersey, Kentucky, Minnesota, and others too numerous to mention.—South Bend Tribune.

## FRUITLAND TAKES INVITATION TOURNEY

A quintet of hot shots from North Cape Girardeau County made short work of their problem of defeating Matthews for championship honors in the annual Sikeston Boys' Invitation Basketball Tournament held here Friday.

The "dark horse" team from the north took an early lead on the Matthews quintet and led up to the finish, winning by a score of 44 to 28. The first quarter ended with Matthews holding the small end of a 15-5 score, and the northerners tied the game at the half by rolling up a 35-15 score. Matthews marked up four more points in the third quarter to only one for Fruitland, but the champions came back in the final frame with eight more markers to win.

Wid Matthews acted as referee and M. C. Cunningham as umpire in the championship game. The outstanding work of Templeton, forward for Fruitland easily won for him the honor of being the best all round player of the tourney. Sutton, lanky center for Matthews, took honors in the final game by running up 16 points to Templeton's 14.

The box score:

Team	Player	Points
Fruitland—	Templeton, f	14
	Anderson, f	12
	E. McDowell, g	10
	Schreiner, c	4
	Masteron, g	2
Matthews—	M. Dover, f	2
	King, f	2
	Spalding, g	1
	Sutton, c	16
	Waters, g	0
Total		44

Team	Player	Points
Matthews—	M. Dover, f	2
	King, f	2
	Spalding, g	1
	Sutton, c	16
	Waters, g	0
Total		28

Matthews, by losing the championship game, had to be content with second place. Cape Girardeau easily won over Anniston, in the 8 o'clock game by a score of 22-12. Daves for Cape Girardeau scoring 10 points.

The score:

Team	Player	Points
Cape Girardeau—	Daves, f	10
	Brase, f	0
	King, c	4
	Estes, g	6
	Wickam, g	0
Anniston—	Tatum, f	2
	Jenkins, f	1
	Blackwell, c	8
	Morrow, g	1
	Stocks, g	0
Total		22

Wid Matthews, referee had the first, second and third place teams and the all-star pick, line up in front of the scorer's desk at the end of the contest to receive the awards. The following received mention for the mythical all-star team:

Center—Albert Sutton, Matthews.  
Guard—Oscar Estes, Cape Girardeau.  
Guard—Ted Borth, Poplar Bluff.  
Forward—E. McDowell, Fruitland.  
Forward—Colton Wilburth, Matthews.

Howard Templeton, forward on the championship team, was elected the best all round player of the tournament.

The exhibition game between the Sikeston girls' team and Poplar Bluff proved to be one of the most interesting contests of the day. The Bluff girls held a one-point lead, 8-7, at the end of the first frame, but the Baker-Baker forward combination proved too strong during the rest of the contest. The situation was reversed at the end of the half with Sikeston ahead 12-11. The girls gradually increased their lead 18-15 at the end of the third frame, and won easily in the last quarters with an eight-point margin. Helen Baker scored 21 of the 29 points for Sikeston, and Margaret contributed 8.

Legg, Poplar Bluff forward, held the attention of her audience with several easy-looking 1-handed shots. She scored 9 points, and her running mate, Gray, 12. Albritton and Whilden, guards for the locals, were both in top form Friday night, and frequently pulled shots "out of the basket" for Poplar Bluff, and sent them across the court for Sikeston markers. Littleton and Ella Helen Smith covered the center section of the

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man has an animal to maximum production, the addition of one-half pound of feed will affect milk production. The dairyman must be on time, because cows will expect to be fed and milked at their usual time. As a fifth point, he said, a dairyman must be clean. The last of his remarks centered about the care and feeding of young stock.

At noon, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, assisted by W. O. Scott, fed their 300 or more guests with sandwiches, doughnuts and coffee.

The Scott County Milling Company also had a fine display of samples of their products, showing how many varieties of feeds and by-products were produced at their plant here. The Oliver Company also had a full line of their implements on display in the display room.

We still have much to be thankful for. They haven't yet put the gum-chewing championships into the talking movies.—San Diego Union.

## MUNICIPAL PLANT PAYS \$51,000 ON HOPE, ARK. DEBT

Hope, Ark., February 21.—Payment of \$9000 on the city hall debt, making a total of \$51,000 retired on the \$67,000 obligation, has been announced by George Sandefur, general manager of the Municipal water and light plant.

The electric plant has been retiring the city debt at the rate of \$9000 a month for the last three months, an accumulated reserve over the last year makes this possible, according to Sandefur.

The construction of the City Hall was financed with \$67,000 of warrants, to be paid out of the electric plant's earnings over an eight-year period. The plant has paid 76 per cent of the debt in 22 per cent of the time allotted.

The city hall was finished in 1927 at a cost of approximately \$85,000, part of which the city paid in cash. The balance, including interest,

amounted to \$67,000, and was borrowed from Hope banks.

The warrants in the sum of \$1000 each were to be retired at the rate of about \$8500 a year for eight years. However, the city has paid off \$51,000 in one year and nine months, cutting interest charges. The total remaining debt is only \$16,000.

Sandefur asserts the plant also has furnished \$18,000 of electricity to the city for schools and streets.

The municipal plant has practically new machinery installed from earnings since 1922.

A study of costs of operating tractors on 175 New York farms, made by an extension worker of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, showed that it cost, on the average, 86.7c an hour to operate a tractor, not including the operator's time. On the fruit and crop farms studied, tractors had replaced from 2.8 to 4.7 horses, but on the dairy farms they had replaced only 1.3 horses.



## SKESTON STANDARD

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For fear Ed Crowe or Simon Loebe might get hold of the story and attempt to ruin our chances among the ladies, we print a story told us by our brother, Jack Blanton, of Paris, Mo., who is 60 years of age. He was introduced to a gentleman in St. Louis a few days ago, who said: "So this is Jack Blanton. I've seen a lot of quotations from your paper. I know your father at Skeston very well and, say, he runs a dandy paper". An editor from Carthage, who was standing by and overheard the conversation, made this correction: "Why, Charlie is not Jack's father; he's his grandfather". Suffering from a cold and we've been thinking all along that we looked ten years younger than Jack.

Catholics are not obliged to eat fish on Friday or any other day. They abstain from meat on Fridays, but they are not obliged to eat any particular thing in substitution. There is no law so old as the law of abstinence. The very first law that Almighty God gave to His creatures was one of abstinence. He forbade Adam and Eve the fruit of a certain tree. Now, just as the fruit which they were forbidden to eat was not bad in itself, neither is meat bad on Fridays or any other day unless the doctor says so. Catholics fast and abstain, because Christ fasted and abstained for 40 days. They abstain from flesh meat on Friday, because it was on Friday that the Lover of their souls had His flesh torn into shreds for them. This work of self-denial is imposed on Catholics also as a weekly reminder of the great price of redemption which the Son of God paid for the ransom of their souls. The motive is a most laudable one. It is a case of asking members of the church to do a little something for Christ to show their appreciation for what He did for them, and on the day of the week on which He died for them.—Sunday Visitor.

Tennyson advises us that "in the spring a young man's fancy, lightly turns to thoughts of love". But he didn't say anything about a young woman's thoughts. The chances are he wanted to forget that, if he had a young wife or daughter, for he probably caught them pouring over the advertisements of new spring clothes, hats, etc. Neither did he say anything about the thoughts of the middle aged man, being one himself. We guess he was thinking about the notice he had received from the bank about being overdrawn because of that last load of coal to finish out the winter. But in February, we all love to think that spring is just around the corner, that snow, ice, ashes and coal are dwindling and green grass and strawberries will soon give us the spring fever and hives.—Shelbina Democrat.

A certain Skeston father was explaining to his young son why girls should not be teased and treated as roughly as if they were boys. The father was about to close his argument and was in the midst of saying "girls cannot fight back like boys", when the eight-year-old youngster broke in with "but they can kiss better".

An accident was reported in Jackson the other day in which a young lady is said to have been injured by catching her heel in the hem of her skirt—but somehow there is something about the story that sounds fishy to the editor. If true we will say she is certainly a high stepper.—Jackson Cash-Book.

This actually happened last Saturday afternoon when the bus, which brought our reporter home from a short visit with his family and friends stopped at a wayside station for the refreshment and rest of the patrons. The lady in question was one of those osodam prissy females, who are always found on busses and trains. She deposited herself on a stool at the lunch counter and with a heaven-may-help-me sigh asked: "Boy, are those tender doughnuts?"

A man being tried before a police judge in a Central Missouri town, charged with fighting and disturbing the peace, was trying to prove an alibi by saying: "Why Judge, at that hour I was in the arms of Morpheus". "Never heard of her....spew.... but it's just as bad as the charges, \$10 and costs".

## WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington is preparing to reap one of the richest harvests in her history. Thousands of visitors from every section of the United States are expected on March 4. Early arrivals are here. Thousands of seats are being erected on vacant lots, and on the streets along the line of march of the Inaugural Parade. Prevailing seat prices will be from \$5 to \$10. No one will be allowed to provide his own chair, camp stool or box, but if he wishes a seat, he must rent. Seats and standing-room space will also be rented in windows. The sale of official souvenirs, under a license system, is expected to amount to thousands of dollars. Hotels have long had every room engaged, yet because Washington is just one big boarding house, a few sections, visitors will be cared for. Guides, who operate six days in the week in the Capitol, charging visitors 25c each, are expecting the largest returns ever, while sight-seeing busses are assured of record business. All this means that the inaugural visitor will do well to come amply supplied with funds.

As the present Congress nears its end, and as the time for the convening of the new Congress in special session approaches, it becomes more apparent that the provisional promise of a special session, as made by Mr. Hoover in the last campaign, was a mistake on the part of the party in power. Demands for higher, and still higher tariff rates were made by representatives of interests testifying before the Committee on Ways and Means. It must be, too, that Mr. Hoover wishes the Congress had at least made a gesture looking to farm legislation, and thus avoided an extra session. It is only fair to say that the insistent demands for a higher tariff on the part of the industries, many of which are now making their millions, must be a surprise to the incoming president. The pigs which have long had their feet in high protective tariff trough have grown to be big hogs.

A tariff on hides and a "compensatory" duty on shoes, likewise on cement, is being urged. Higher paint, oil and paper tariffs are talked.

Jute interests are among the many asking for tariff increases. Jute is used principally for yarn, twine, burlap bags and sacks. It has been estimated that the cost to farmers, in the event the jute interests get what they want, will be \$35,000,000 a year.

Here is the way one item in the new tariff bill will read, word for word, if a witness before the Ways and Means Committee get what's wanted: "On gloves composed chiefly of cotton, when unshrunk, and less than 40 rows of loops per inch, in width of on the face of the glove, 50 per cent ad valorem; when shrunk or sueded, embroidered or otherwise ornamented \$4 a dozen pairs and for each additional inch in excess of 11 inches, 20 cents a dozen pairs, but in no case shall any of the duties be less than 75 per cent ad valorem; when made of fabric knit or other than a warp knitting machine, 50 per cent ad valorem; when made of woven fabric, 25 per cent ad valorem". It has also been urged that the tariff on printed type of table cloth be increased from 40 to 200 per cent, while duty on thread be raised from 20 to 30 per cent.

"Uncle Sam" is preparing to count his nephews and nieces. The cost of this census will be about \$40,000,000, or almost three times what was paid for the entire Louisiana Purchase.

The Jones bill, providing a maximum penalty of a \$10,000 fine and 5-year jail sentence for violation of the national prohibition act, passed the Senate by a vote of 65 to 18, the latter number including 5 Republicans and 13 Democrats, with Senators Reed and Hawes. The measure is designed to reach the "big fellows" and habitual bootleggers, while smaller penalties will still be imposed in most cases.

Without a record vote, the House passed the bill by White of Maine to continue the Federal Radio Commission for another year, rather than have the Department of Commerce take over the administrative work, the only alternative.

The House has passed the alien deportation bill providing, under certain conditions, that aliens who violate the narcotic and white slave traffic laws, who are guilty of other enumerated crimes, or who are habitual criminals, may be deported.

That carillons, or musical bells, may produce discord was shown when divergent views were expressed before the Ways and Means Committee, one group contending that the 40 per cent duty be increased, the other holding that the best carillons cannot be

made here and that the ax is a burden on churches and colleges.

A proposal by Senator Dill is to bar "lame ducks" from eligibility for Federal appointive jobs for two years after their defeat at the polls. The suggestion is not without merit. Defeated candidates frequently get better position, thru appointments, than if they had been elected. Following defeat, the temptation with some seems to be to become subservient to the wishes of the administration then in power.

The Senate Committee on Agriculture favorably reported a bill to reimburse States for road losses due to floods. If, in the next regular session, the measure becomes a law, Missouri will receive \$258,000.

The session will end without action on the Muscle Shoals matter and with no relief for the farmer who for ten years has been looking forward to lower prices for commercial fertilizer. There have, though, been some interesting developments. When Morin, of Pennsylvania, chairman, failed to call the committee, members met and ordered a favorable report on the Madden bill to lease Muscle Shoals for 50 years. The chairman then questioned the legality of the meeting, but to his credit, Speaker Longworth held that it was legal.

The House, very properly, took action to place members of the Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia on equality with other veterans of the Union Armies.

Some time ago the Senate passed the Columbia Basin Reclamation Project bill under which more than a million acres of land would eventually be brought under cultivation. The bill came over to the House and was sponsored by one of my best friends. When it came up for passage I hated to vote against my Democratic colleague and his pet measure yet I did. I could not conscientiously help to open up more general farming lands at a time when the farmer is hard hit.

Apparently the place of Postmaster General in the Hoover Cabinet will go to a seasoned politician. It has been so before. Wilson had his Burleson, Harding his Hays, Coolidge his Work and New. Under the latter, it is charged, that "post office pudding" has been common. Wurzbach, only Republican Representative from Texas, alleges that \$200,000 has been collected from Federal office holders in that State.

A bill to change the Copyright Law of 1909 and permit music publishers to exact larger royalties deserves defeat. Under existing law, which should be amended, there have come many complaints arising from heavy penalties imposed upon restaurants, barber shops, and other places playing records of copyrighted music. People are "fed up" on fees and licenses.

If Mr. Hoover, as President, attempts to bring about a reorganization of government departments, as predicted, he will deserve credit. I doubt, though, if it can be done, for great is the power of political pie. Proper reorganization, it has been estimated, might mean a saving of half a billion dollars a year.

Congress has enacted a law providing refugees for migratory birds, places where they can be safe, not shooting grounds for the rich and professional hunters. Originally this bill required all hunters to take out federal as well as State hunting licenses, but this was stricken out.

It is announced that J. W. Reeder, of Tipton, Iowa, aged 92 and who twice voted for Lincoln, will hold Mr. Hoover's hat when the new President is "affirmed" into office on March 4.

Some proposals to "help the farmer": A tariff on bananas, Bibles and bricks; on all cream separators, so as to include the smaller machines now on the free list; a much higher duty on lead pencils; a lower duty on briar pipes valued at more than \$3 each.

James Gower of Houma, Washington, is visiting with the Jake Sutton and Judson Boardman families this week. Mr. Gower is a brother of Mrs. Sutton's and Mrs. Boardman's father.

## COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT MATCHES GET UNDERWAY

Coe Girardeau, February 21.—With the 1929 basketball season drawing to a close, Southeast Missouri high schools are turning their attention to the sub-district tournaments which are to be held in eight sections of Southeast Missouri this month and the first week in March as elimination contests for the Southeast Missouri Tournament to be held at Houck Field House in Cape Girardeau March 8 and 9, under the direction of the Teachers College.

Previously all high schools that had won half of their scheduled games were eligible to compete in the district tournaments. This season instead of every team being eligible for the district tournament, only two teams from each sub-district will compete in the tournament in Cape Girardeau. In each instance it will be the two winners.

The sub-district tournament for Cape Girardeau and Perry Counties will be held March 1 and 2 at Jackson. Eight teams are entered in this contest and it will decide whether Cape Central and the Teachers College Preps are to be permitted to participate in the district tournament. The tourney will open with a game between Jackson and Whitewater, followed by one between Delta and Perryville. On the first night, Lutesville will play Central High and the Preps will meet Fruitland. The elimination will be continued on the second day, with the winner being selected in the final game.

New Florence—Erection of post office building will start here in near future.

In the reign of Josiah the doorposts of houses, as well as the public gateways, were inscribed with precepts of the law.

Mrs. John Welter and Mrs. John Similar attended the funeral of Andy Dirnberger at New Hamburg, Monday.

The Fannie Becker selections of stylish Spring coats and dresses from New York markets are on display at the Becker Store.

Clarence Felker and T. F. Henry, County Clerk, drove over to New Hamburg Monday from Benton to attend the funeral of Andy Dirnberger.

The Co-Workers held their regular meeting with Mrs. A. J. Moore on Tuesday afternoon. After the business meeting a social hour was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Jr. will have as dinner guests Friday Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews III and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Phillips of New Madrid.

Be sure and attend the Dixie Minstrels for the benefit of the Community Building Fund at Miner, February 28 at 7:30 p. m. Admission 15c and 25c.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Oliver of Cairo spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Trowbridge. Mr. Oliver is a bridge engineer on the Cairo bridge project.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Clay of Mexico visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lawrence during the week. They were enroute from New Orleans to their home.

The W. B. A. will hold their next regular meeting Monday evening, February 25 at 7:30 o'clock at the I. O. O. F. Hall. This being a meeting of special interest, each member is requested to be present.

Lebanon will have new hospital in near future.

The private secretary of the Governor of Oklahoma may become known as the power behind the thrown.—Indianapolis News.

A green-manure crop should be turned under at least two weeks before the next crop is planted.

Flat River—New National Hotel formally opened.

Bees should not be handled in the early spring any more than necessary. Opening a hive in cool weather wastes heat and may even kill the brood. It is a good plan to wrap

hives in black tar paper in the spring, to conserve heat and hold the sun's rays. Put it on as soon as the bees start flying in the spring.

If lice are present in the poultry flock, it is important to control these pests before the hatching season, by dusting the hens with sodium fluoride. This material is harmful if used on very young chicks.

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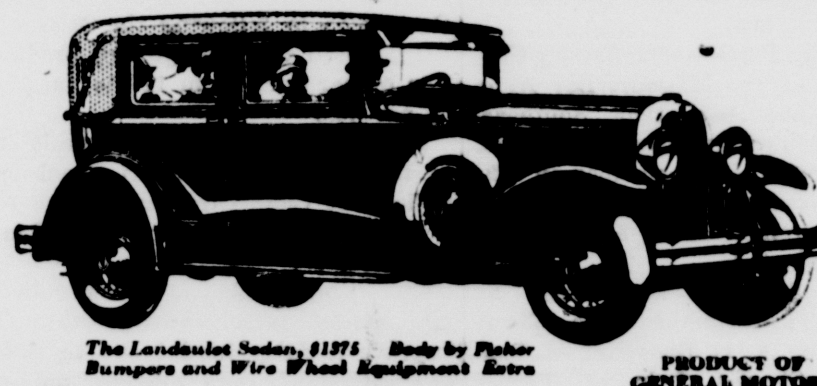
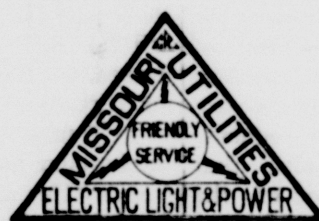


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# JIMMY DERRIS MAKES FINE RECORD AT WESTERN

James "Jimmy" Derris, likable, black-haired son of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Derris, graduated with honors at the mid-year exercises at Western Military Academy, Alton, Ill., and is now at home.

Besides finishing the work which will enable him to enter any school or college in the United States if he so cares, Jimmy chalked up the following record of extra-curricular achievements in his four and one-half years at Western:

Two years on second team football, two years on the varsity and was elected all-star center. In track events, he was a member of the championship relay team. He made the second and then first string basketball squads, and was a member of the championship rifle team which in 1928 won the seventh corps area match. He now holds a commission as second lieutenant in the Illinois National Guard and in the O. R. C.

Jimmy, the social lion, held the post of secretary-treasurer of his fraternity, a chapter of Phi Delta.

He plans to find work with the State Highway Department in the near future in road survey work, and possibly to attend some university of college in the future.

## WASHINGTON TEA

One of the most delightful affairs of the season was a Washington Tea at the Hotel Marshall, Saturday afternoon by the D. A. R.

Mesdames C. A. Cook and G. P. Van Arsdale, dressed as Carolina dames, received the guests in the dining room of the hotel, which was decorated with red, white and blue bunting and flags, with George Washington's picture in the center.

The tea table was beautiful with its centerpiece of red carnations in a silver basket and red candles in silver holders. Mesdames Arnold Roth and M. M. Beck, in colonial costumes, poured.

The following program, in charge of Mrs. Wallace Applegate, was given during the afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed by the many guests who attended.

Opening number, a song by Miss Melba Hudson, in colonial costume, accompanied by Miss Virginia Hudson.

Vocal trio by Wilmer Kiner, Edith

Becker and Josephine Hudson. These young ladies are members of the Glee Club.

Patriotic talk by Rev. Bellanger. Vocal duet by Rev. and Mrs. Bellanger, with Mrs. Welsh at the piano.

A reading dialogue, "When Grandma Was a Little Girl" by Catherine Ann Cook and Billie Van Arsdale.

Minuette in colonial costume by Catherine Ann Cook and Billie Van Arsdale.

Two delightful numbers on the violin by Miss Margaret Woods, with Mrs. Tom Allen at the piano.

Reading, in colonial costume, by Bettie Brenton.

Vocal solos by Billie Van Arsdale. Two instrumental solos by Mrs. Roscoe Weltecke.

Ukele trio—Lynnette Stallcup, Lillian Gale Applegate and Elizabeth Bowman.

## WITH OUR SICK

J. A. Andres is very ill with Bright's disease.

Mrs. R. Q. Brown is improving from an attack of the flu.

Mrs. M. L. Clayton is recovering from the after effects of the flu.

Mrs. Tom Myers is much improved after an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Mary McCoy, mother of Dan and Lou McCoy, is better. Mrs. McCoy has been quite ill.

Charles Noble is confined to his home with an attack of the flu.

Mrs. C. Bolen is recovering from an acute attack of appendicitis.

C. E. Felker's little son, who has been very ill, is some better.

Schuyler Reed is ill at his home on Kendall Street, threatened with pneumonia.

Alvin Taylor has been confined to his home the past several days with neuritis.

## WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. C. C. Rose at her home on North Ranney Street Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. E. T. Wheatley as leader with a patriotic program. All members are urged to be present.

Sikeston boys did not do quite so well in the tourney, but that's no disgrace. They did try, and for that matter, only lost by two points to their friendly enemies, the Charleston Blue Jays.

# BYRON BOWMAN SIGNS WITH TEXAS BALL CLUB

Byron Bowman, the same who last summer caught many hard games for the local ball club, has signed a contract at \$500 a month and expenses to Texas with the Texas League of Fort Worth. He is to report for tryout on March 4, but said Monday morning, that he was undecided as to whether he would accept the offer or not.


The home fans know that Byron is a whiz behind the plate, and that when he socks 'em they stay socked, and while they regret losing this valuable player on the diamond this summer, the best of luck in the big time circuit goes with him. A St. Louis daily last week, carried a story saying that the Cardinals had acquired Bowman at an even greater salary, but he denied having knowledge of the deal. The Cards maintain a farm at Houston.

## VOGELSANG TAKES NEW POST IN CAPE GIRARDEAU BANK

Clarence Vogelsang, for more than two years, connected with the Bank of Sikeston, where he acted as representative of the Matthews city and farm interests, and cared for all Red Cross correspondence, has accepted a position in the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Cape Girardeau to take effect next week. At present, Clarence is sick with tonsillitis. Mr. Vogelsang, Sr., is connected with the Cape Girardeau institution in an official capacity and just what position Clarence will have, is not known at this time.

W. R. Griffin, real estate dealer of Sikeston, was a business visitor in our city Wednesday, and while here paid this office a brief visit. He reports that real estate sales are beginning to open up and that in the past three months he has sold over \$22,000 worth of real estate.—New Madrid Record.

Mrs. E. P. Francis and son, Justin, and Mr. and Mrs. John Ennen and sons, went to Sikeston Saturday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Carroll, who live on the farm near that town. The birthdays of Mr. Carroll, Chris Francis and Mrs. E. P. Francis all fell on February 16 and that day was turned into a sort of combined anniversary celebration.—Fredericktown News.



**How to  
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By Dr. L. D. LeGear, V. S.  
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Dr. LeGear is a graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College, 1892. Thirty-six years of veterinary practice on diseases of live stock and poultry. Eminent authority on poultry and stock raising. Nationally known poultry breeder. Noted author and lecturer.

## A ROBBER IN THE FLOCK

"The best way to cure roup," sagely remarked an old timer in the poultry game, "is never to have it." That may sound like a very weak attempt to be funny, but it is gospel truth. Contagious diseases such as roup do not fall willy nilly from the heavens on some whimsical freak of fate. The way is usually paved for them by the lack of adequate sanitation, improper housing facilities, incorrect feeding, failure to cull out weaklings, the weakening effect of parasites, or by some other form of neglect. Healthy, robust fowls, properly fed and housed in sanitary surroundings, will almost always throw off the germs of disease. Even when they do not, however, their rugged constitutions make the success of treatment practically certain.

Acting on the idea of prevention as the best cure for roup, I never add new fowls to my flock until they have been kept in quarantine from two to three weeks. Even if it is practically sure that the birds come from an uninfected flock, this is a wise precaution. They might be carrying the germs of infection which would mature later with disastrous results. If this should happen before they are added to the flock they can be destroyed or treated as the case may demand without danger of spreading the disease.

Watch young and delicate birds very closely as they are most susceptible to the deadly roup germs. The same is true of fowls suffering from common cold or catarrh. The throat and nasal passages, being already sore and inflamed, are easily infected. Sick birds, no matter what the ailment, should always be isolated. They can be much more effectively treated when away from the flock and they cannot contaminate the healthier ones if the disease should prove to be contagious.

Should any of your flock begin to show symptoms of roup, no time should be lost in starting measures to prevent further spread. All houses, pens, coops and runs should be thoroughly cleaned and sprayed with a strong solution of a good coal tar dip and disinfectant. Droppings, litter and trash of every description should be removed and burned. All unnecessary equipment of every kind should be removed from houses and yards. Every piece of equipment for supplying food and water should be scrubbed and disinfected. All this sounds like work and it is, but the saving is decidedly worth the work required.

As the inroads of this deadly disease have been known to wipe out as high as 95 per cent of a flock, every owner of a poultry flock should learn to recognize the symptoms. At first they are much like those of a simple cold or catarrh, but more fever, dullness, prostration and loss of appetite. First symptoms are a watery nasal discharge, difficult breathing with wheeze sound and constant shaking of the head to dislodge accumulated matter.

After two or three days the discharge from the nose becomes thicker and gives off a characteristic offensive odor. The nasal passages then become so clogged that the bird must breathe through its mouth. A discharge will also run from the eyes. This discharge gradually becomes thicker, causing painful swellings below it or in the eye which often destroy it. As it hardens, this discharge may cause the eyes to be completely pasted shut and may gather in such quantities that the head is swollen to twice its normal size. Quite frequently these deposits will press down the roof of the mouth so that the fowl cannot swallow. In some cases there is a canker deposit of yellowish matter on the tissues of the mouth and throat. It is easily removed, however, and should not be confused with a deposit of similar appearance which is a symptom of diphtheria.

As soon as any fowl is known to be sick, put it at once to itself as far from the flock as possible and give it one full teaspoonful of epsom salts to remove cold and fever from the system. If the bowels have not moved by the following day, repeat the dose. Give one roup pill night and morning. Wash the affected eyes, nose and mouth once a day with a solution made by mixing one teaspoonful of dip and disinfectant in one quart of warm water. Souse head, eyes and all into this solution each time. Roup will often yield to treatment if caught in time, but each

case must be handled individually and more detailed instructions are required than the space allowed for this article will permit.

As a measure of protection for the balance of the flock, after infected birds are removed give epsom salts in a wet mash. Give one pound of epsom salts for each 100 fowls of lighter breeds or for each 75 of the heavier kinds, and repeat in one week. A saline purgative such as epsom salts is invaluable at such a time. By causing the prompt elimination of germ-laden matter, this simple remedy may keep many a good layer on the job without interruption.

But, after all, there's no remedy like the one quoted at the beginning of this article. I do not claim that roup and kindred diseases cannot invade the premises where sanitation and other precautionary measures are always observed. I do not hesitate to say, however, that the flock where such measures do not obtain is infinitely more liable to suffer infection. Furthermore, if the properly managed flock does become infected,

the damage will be much less than among fowls not so well cared for. The old maxim, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" may be well worn from much usage, but it is still as true as it ever was.

## 915 BUY AUTO PLATES

City Collector of the Revenue Ed Hollingsworth, reports that to date 915 automobile owners have invested in the new 1929 black and white auto license plates. Owners have until March 1 to change their plates and still remain within the law.

## FINED FOR DRUNKENNESS

Lee Dugan, Charleston youth, pleaded guilty in police court Saturday night to the charge of being drunk. A \$12 fine was assessed against him.

It is so difficult to tell how this Standard Oil battle of the proxies is coming out that it might not be a bad plan to settle it by a Literary Digest poll.—Hartford Courant.

## COLINE KING

Coline King, colored, was born February 20, 1895 and died last Friday, February 22, at the age of 34 years and 2 days. For the past years she had made her home with her sister, Laura King, in the Skillman cabins.

Coline had been a resident of New Madrid and Scott Counties all her life, having been born in New Madrid County. The body was taken to the home of her mother at New Madrid, where funeral services were conducted Monday at the Baptist church at 2:00 o'clock. Interment in Communion Cemetery in charge of Welsh.

Two sisters, Mary and Laura King, of Sikeston, one brother and her mother of New Madrid, survive.

## DAVE LUDY

Dave Ludy, colored, died on his birthday, February 22, last, at the age of 36 years, on a farm two miles southeast of Sikeston. Ludy had suffered for the past year with tuberculosis. Services were conducted at 2:00 o'clock Saturday at the family residence. Interment in Sikeston cemetery. Welsh service.

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We never knew before just what petty jealousy existed between lawyers until Friday evening when the Committee on Arrangements arranged to have the only lady present sit at the head of the table. At that the committee showed good taste, if it was a great disappointment to the distinguished toast master.

Barbers find themselves in a real dilemma, which somebody once described as the middle of a helluva fix. With most of the women going back to long hair an end is coming to rich revenues the bob brought to them. Meantime, millions of men who were crowded out of their turns by these feminine customers will refuse to forsake the safety razors and home service to which they had to turn. Barbers may find it necessary to put stocks of millinery, lingerie and cosmetics in order to get the money they are losing on women patrons who have reformed.—Paris Appeal.

We feel quite certain The Standard editor will not be called upon to recommend anyone as postmaster to succeed W. H. Tanner, deceased, but if we were, we would unhesitatingly recommend Mrs. W. H. Tanner. During his life, and for the past 16 years to our personal knowledge, Mr. Tanner was the real leader of the Republican party in Scott County, and was head and shoulders above the next. A large land owner that has been badly punished by farm conditions over which he had no control, his financial affairs are left in a critical condition, as are those of many others. Death came at an inopportune time, and if his wife could be appointed to fill out his unexpired term, it would be a gracious thing and a God's blessing for the wife and children.

The Standard editor has nothing particular to gripe about in this issue. The good Lord has been kind to us with health, and the merchants have been kind to us with patronage that has enabled us to buy food and fuel, and to contribute our mite to the Red Cross and other worthy causes. In return, we shall try to be humble in the sight of the Lord and to treat our fellow man on the square. We shall try to be of service to our community and to do our bit to uphold the morals, and to guard ourselves that no finger can point to us as living one life and practicing another.

The swish of the Death Scythe was heard by John Chaney Saturday afternoon as he became dizzy and affected by a weak heart. He was taken home and given heart stimulants

that revived him to such a degree that he was able to sit up for a time Sunday. These warnings are but a forecast of what must follow to all old people who are well on to the three score and ten. We are happy that he was spared as we believe him to be one of the best men we ever knew. We don't believe a single thought ever entered his head that was calculated to inconvenience or harm any living being. He is quiet and unassuming and when the final summons comes, he will be found ready as all is well with his soul. This is not an obituary but a small bouquet placed over a friend that we greatly admire.

Some way or other we cannot help but believe this will be one of the seasons that Southeast Missouri will come into her own. We have had plenty of rain, plenty of snow, plenty of freezes and thaws, which should leave the ground in fine working condition and the fertility greatly improved. With improved farm machinery, the farmer should be able to produce his crops at a minimum cost. A variety of crops should be grown in order all the eggs will not be in one basket. At least, here's hoping that a bountiful harvest will be reaped, and the price right.

This is the first February in years that we haven't had several nice days suitable for drilling oats. To date, it has been cold and snow and with March right at our door, it looks as though the oat acreage in this section will be short.

ART SENSENBAUGH FIGURES  
IN WRECK SUNDAY NIGHT

A Ford sedan, driven by Nick Williams, of Chaffee, ran into the Buick coupe in which Mr. and Mrs. Art Sensenbaugh and Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Limbaugh were going to Cape Girardeau Sunday evening about 8:15 o'clock, wrecking both cars. The accident happened a few miles north of Kelso on a long hill. Sensenbaugh was going north, when Williams' car suddenly came over the crest of the hill and crashed into the larger car. None of the six occupants of the Ford or the four in the Buick coupe was injured, but Sensenbaugh had to be towed in later that night.

Williams and his party of five are alleged to have been drinking. The Chaffee girl, who owned the Ford, ran over a boy in that city last week, injuring him, and also figured in two other accidents recently. Insurance will cover the damage on the Skeston car.

The dirt shoulders on Highway 61 were soft after the warm weather Sunday and probably caused another wreck about one mile north of the Sensenbaugh-Williams accident. A Whippet sedan was seen with the hood and radiator badly twisted, and the left front wheel smashed.

The Sunday evening Greyhound bus from the north stalled one mile north of Benton. Passengers were carried through on a relief bus, which came through Benton about 10:30 Sunday night.

REV. BELLANGER ACCEPTS  
CALL TO CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Bellanger, evangelists who closed a three-weeks' revival at the Christian Church Sunday night with a packed house and gallery, have accepted the call to minister here permanently. The first service at his new pastorate, according to Rev. Bellanger, will be held Easter Sunday. The evangelist and his wife left Skeston Monday morning for St. Louis, where they will spend several days before going to Princeton, Ind., for their household goods.

The revival meeting just closed here was very successful. Baptismal services for many new members were held Friday and Sunday nights.

Mr. and Mrs. Miley Limbaugh drove to Charleston Sunday.

Miss Mildred Stubblefield spent the week-end with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bowman and daughters drove to Charleston Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Anderson and children returned from Jacksonville, Ill., Sunday evening.

Miss Roberta Nobel of St. Louis, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Noble for a few days.

Miss Evelyn Sutton spent Saturday night and Sunday in Benton, the guest of Miss Leona Bertrand.

Mr. and Mrs. Arden Ellise and baby of Cape Girardeau were guests of Supt. and Mrs. R. V. Ellise last week.

J. W. Adams and son-in-law, Mr. Adler, of Poplar Bluff were visitors to the G. H. Barger home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Nellie Estes and daughter, Miss Grace, will occupy the Stubbs property on North and Stoddard Sts., after the first of March.

Miss Geraldine Waggener returned to her duties as teacher at Eldorado, Ill., Sunday afternoon, after spending the week-end with her parents.

Lafe Claghove and wife were Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Barger, while enroute from Springfield, Mo., to Marion, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones, who have been living in Farmington for the past year, are now located in St. Louis, where Cecil has a position.

Mrs. Albert Shields left Sunday for Bonham, Texas, where she will make her home. Miss Lillian Shields will be located at the Loomis Mayfield home until the close of school.

C. O. Swannagon of Campbell has been transferred to Skeston as assistant of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. He will take his new position next week. His family will join him later on.

Mrs. S. L. Dices of Mounds, Ill., returned to her home Sunday. Mrs. Dices was called to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. M. L. Clayton, who was ill. We are glad to report that Mrs. Clayton is better.

J. A. Andres, 59-year-old owner and manager of the Andres' Meat Market on New Madrid Street, has been seriously ill with flu and Bright's disease for the past three weeks. His condition is gradually becoming worse. Nellie Andres, a daughter, is also laid up for a few days with neuritis. An older daughter, Mrs. Minnie Raguse, of Chicago, came home Sunday to stay with her father until he recovers from his present illness.

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The brainstorms that are occasionally to be found in the columns of The Standard are likely to happen to anyone who has an over amount of guts and an under amount of gray matter.

It is probably unbecoming in a lay brother to question the statement of any of our scientific brothers, but County Agent Renner stated Saturday at the Russell Brothers' demonstration that frying size chickens could be produced in eight weeks if directions were followed as given by the State Poultry Department. "We are from Missouri" and for many years raised several hundred fancy or exhibition chickens and at no time could we ever do better than have broilers, in weight from 1½ to 2 lbs., in eight weeks, and it required 12 weeks to produce a good sized fryer. We take issue again with the feed put before little chicks for the first time. Cracked corn for the first feed is enough to kill them as they have not had access to grit or shell to grind their feed and it will more than likely give them "crop bound" followed by indigestion and bowel disorders. Scientifically prepared dry mash or dry rolled oats is a fine first feed, but cracked corn should not be given them in great quantities until they are fairly well feathered.

Some wise guy said, "There's nothing new under the sun". He's all wet. Saturday, we received a catalogue from a Chicago jewelry firm advertising novelties among which we noted one that took our nanny-goat out for airing, and when we read it, we took a second slant at the wording to make sure we hadn't had one and was dreaming. As Little Jack Little says: "Here—'tis": No. 72A23—Musical Toilet Paper Holder. Made of hard wood, white enamel finish. Has imported musical attachment which plays two tunes. Starts to play when paper is unrolled. Size of panel, 5½x8½. A hit wherever shown.

It shore is! A hit whether shown or not. A hit to just read about it. When we read it, we said to the "Famly": "Now here's something that if I were not so consarned poor, I'd buy four and send one each to Kent Wilson, Charlie Blanton, Simon Loebe and O. W. Chilton to help them—compose editorials. It might improve the tone of some of their lubrications.—Dexter Statesman.

## AT THE HOSPITAL

Mrs. Dola York of Big Opening entered the hospital Friday morning for observation.

Mrs. Jess Murphy of this city underwent a major operation Friday. She is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Jesse King is improving.

Mrs. Less Pate and baby, Juanita Lee, were discharged from the hospital Friday morning and returned to their home in New Madrid.

Miss Dorothy Lands of this city, who suffered a broken leg when a car in which she was riding crashed into a wagon several weeks ago, was dismissed Friday morning.

Arthur Trigg, New Madrid man, who received a broken leg in a car accident while taking medicine to his sick wife, is improving.

Miss Mae Twitty is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Thelma Caldwell of Matthews will probably be discharged in a few days.

Jake Thomas of Salcedo is improving.

Centralia—Switzer and Quinn Sts. will be paved in near future.

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Looking around at the lawyers at the Hotel Marshall banquet Friday evening, reminded us of the visit of Li Hung Chang, premiere of China under the regin of Tze Ann, some thirty years ago, when that noted diplomat was on a visit to the United States. He asked of the interpreter what a certain skyscraper in New York was used for, and when told it was an office building and seven hundred lawyers had offices there, threw up his hands and said there were but two lawyers in Pekin and as soon as he got home, he would have one of them beheaded.

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### CHAPTER XIII

#### Under the Red Stone

The big room was a maze of shadows. Stable lanterns, flickering in the drafts, hung from hooks in walls and pillars. Tontou stayed his flight by the door to the courtyard, one ear inclined to the bedlam of shots and outcries that threaded the roar of the storm. As we burst in he raised a pistol and sprayed us with bullets as rapidly as he could pull the trigger. But he had the knife-fighter's inability to shoot straight. Bullets "phoned" all around us, yet none of us was hit.

Several men and women stared at us. Hilmi Bey peered from behind a pillar next to the courtyard door. He had plainly taken shelter at the crack of Helene's pistol. Montey Hilyer and Serge Vassilievich stood some distance to the right of us, paralyzed with surprise. Maude Hilyer and Sandra Vassilievich had risen from seats at the other end. Apparently they had supposed Tontou was engaged only with Helene.

He screamed at them, insensate in his fury. His knife still dripped blood. He flung his empty pistol at us. "Fools!" he shrieked. "We are betrayed!"

The door to the courtyard was open, and he spun on his heel and dodged behind a pillar. Tokalji reeled in.

"Strange Tzigan folk have burst the street door," he bellowed. "We—"

He gaped at sight of us.

"Quick!" Hugh shouted. "Scatter—before they shoot!"

Watkins and I jumped right and left. Hugh sought the shelter of a pillar.

"Shoot!" yelled Tontou. "Shoot! Fools! Swine! Dogs!"

And he babbled on obscenely, darting catlike from pillar to pillar toward Watty. Hilyer and Serge simultaneously came to life and made for us, guns spurring, throwing pieces of furniture to confuse us. Things happened so fast that it was impossible to keep track of everything, but I found myself in a pistol duel with Serge. Hugh and Watkins were blazing away at Hilmi, Hilyer and Tokalji, and Tontou was weaving through the smoke, seeking an opportunity to close with one of us. I paid no attention to the women until a bullet spat on a pillar by my ear. I knew it could not have come from the front, and started. I turned to the left in time to see Sandra aiming deliberately at me. I dodged, and thereby opened myself to her brother's attack.

He was an expert marksman, and I realized there could be only one result for me if I continued exposed in flank. So I tore a lantern from its hook and flung it on the floor. The burning oil vomited forth a cloud of thick black smoke, and under cover of this, I changed my position, gaining the protection of another pillar. Here I was safe from Sandra; but her brother knew where I was and our duel continued. It was no steady stream of bullets, but a pot shot when ever one of us thought he saw an opportunity. All around us others were doing the same thing, and the vaulted roof rang to the reports, while the acrid fumes of the powder and the smoke from broken lamps stung the eyes. And outside the thunder was pealing and the lightning splitting the heavens and Nikka's men and Tokalji's gypsies were trying their feeble best to rival nature's forces.

Suddenly, I sensed that our opponents were bracing for a combined effort. There was a rapid-fire exchange of exclamations in the thieves' French and Tzigan dialect they used for confidential communication. I heard an empty cartridge clip jingle on the floor. But in the shifting of light:

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smoke it was impossible now to tell real men from the shadows. I stuck my head around a pillar, crouched and slipped aside. Then, while I was unprotected, the rush came.

"Go!" called Hilyer's voice. The shadows were pricked with pistol flashes. Serge Vassilievich leaped for the pillar behind which I had stood, his gun blazing, knife in hand. He did not see me, on my knees, four feet to the right, and I put my first bullet in his thigh. He stopped as if a giant's hand had been shoved against his breast, tottered and fell backward. As he fell, one of the burning oil pools ignited a bundle of blankets, and the rising flames sketched us both clearly against the darkness that shrouded the far end of the room.

There was a scream. I recognized Sandra's voice, but I could not see her. Instead, I saw Hilmi Bey sneaking on Watkins, who was holding back Tontou. I drove the Levantine away with my first shot. Then the hammer clicked, and I knew the magazine was empty. I dropped to my knee again, thinking I was concealed by a patch of shadow, and fumbled for a fresh clip. But the treacherous light flared upward, the shadow disappeared and I was left defenseless. I saw a raging figure, hair flying, pistol raised, running at me. I saw the pistol flash, felt a numbing blow on my shoulder and tumbled in a heap.

For a second my eyes misted, the room danced before me. Then I heard a chatter of Russian and Watkins, mildly disapproving.

"None of that 'ere, miss. If you please, now! I don't want to 'urt you, but—"

I looked up. Sandra, her face contorted with demonic rage, her empty pistol shaking in her hand, was backing away before Watty's menacing crouch.

A woman screamed again, horribly, so that it rasped your heart-strings. It was Maude Hilyer. She stood, with hands clutching her cheeks, her gaze on the center of the room where Montey staggered against a pillar, the blood from a punctured lung gurgling in his throat, bravely trying for the last time to raise the smoking muzzle of his automatic.

Hugh, relieved of the Englishman's attack, was taking pot shots at Tontou and Hilmi. I saw Tokalji slip through the door into the rain, and as Vernon King ran up the stairs from the atrium Hilmi followed the Tzigan and Tontou jumped through a window, squawling like the big cat he was. Behind me Watkins was scientifically roping Sandra, hand and foot, regardless of the curses she spat in three languages. Vassilievich had fainted from the pain of his wound. Maude Hilyer sat on the dirty floor, under the single wobbling lantern that remained intact, and cradled the head of her dying husband. We had swept the House of the Married.

Or had we? As I tried unsuccessfully with one hand to reload my pistol, I felt a pressure at my back. I turned and very nearly impaled myself on a long knife blade. A tense, willowy figure, bare-footed and tumble-haired, stood over me.

"You are Jakka," said Kara in the Tzigan dialect—I could understand simple phrases after my experience with Nikka's tribespeople. "Where is Nikka?"

Dumfounded, I pointed to the courtyard. She glided toward the door, but Hugh intervened.

"Not so fast," he said. "Whose friend are you?"

She did not understand him, and raised her knife.

"She's all right, Hugh," I called. "She's trying to find Nikka—must have been asleep upstairs. Let her go."

But she did not wait for him to stand aside. With a single leap, she put one of the pillars between him and herself, and vaulted from the window Tontou had escaped by.

"Nothing slow about that girl," said Hugh. "Everybody who?"

A pistol cracked in the doorway, and the bullet sang by his ear.

"They're still after us," he commented, dropping beside me. "Have to load my gun."

"Then load mine, too," I said. "My left shoulder's hit—whole arm is no use."

He laid down his automatic.

"We'll carry you inside with Betty. I see Watty has made a prisoner, and Vassilievich had better be watched. You can—"

"I will not," I returned. "We'll need every man before we finish tonight. Hear that?"

The courtyard had become an inferno—yells, screams, howls, shots, the beat of the rain and the din of the storm.

"Tie my arm to my side, and I'll be O. K.," I urged.

Betty crawled between us.

"Did I hear you call me?" she asked. "My word!" grunted Hugh. "Get back, Bet. This is—"

"Touch and go," she supplemented his sentence. "I have Helene's gun. You boys had better help Nikka. I can guard this place."

A whistle whirled in the courtyard. "Hugh!" It was Nikka's voice. "Jack!"

There was a racket of shots.

"Yes, he must be badly outnumbered," muttered Hugh. "No time to lose. Here, Jack, where's your handkerchief? Right O! Thanks, Bet. Not too tight. Can you stand that?"

"Yes, load my gun, somebody."

Betty, took it. King, esconced behind an adjacent pillar, fired at the door.

"They seem to be waiting for us out there," he observed.

"Yes," said Hugh. "Betty, you lie here in the shadows. Don't let anybody approach you, no matter what

they say. Keep an eye on Mrs. Hilyer and the Russian girl—and her brother. See him over there? He's done in, for the time being, but if he comes to maybe you'd better tie him up."

"Don't you worry about me," answered Betty valiantly. "I can take care of myself. Do hurry!"

"Ere, your indship," came a throaty whisper from Watkins. "This way, gentlemen."

He was at the far end of the room, and while we watched, he put his hat on the end of his crowbar—from which he refused to be parted—and stuck it above the sill of a window.

"I've done this twice now, your indship," he added, "and nothing's happened. They ain't watching 'ere."

A little investigation proved that he was right, and we crawled out into the rain and huddled against the house wall, attempting to disentangle the situation. The rain was descending in slanting, blinding sheets. Pistols cracked and men gasped or shouted, but we could not tell whether they were friends or foes. As we waited, two men dashed by, one in pursuit of the other. It was impossible for us to intervene. Then, with a preliminary crash of thunder, the lightning zig-zagged across the sky, and for the twinkling of an eye the courtyard was as bright as day.

I had an impression of bodies scattered here and there, and little clusters of men that struggled and ran. Over in the corner of the courtyard wall by the bachelors' house men swirled in a tumultuous mass. The darkness closed down once more, thick and wet and cold.

"Coming, Nikka!" shouted Hugh. And to us, "The big fight is the key to



"Coming, Nikka!" Shouted Hugh.

everything. We must break it up. They've got Nikka pinned in."

Tokalji's gang faced around as we attacked their rear; but we went clean through them and almost drove on to the knives of Nikka's party.

"After them!" panted Hugh. "We've got 'em breaking!"

Nikka called to his men in their own tongue, and they lined up with us in a thin file across the courtyard from wall to wall. Behind Nikka I had a brief vision of an assassin who had flanked us and lifted my automatic—

but something, the proud poise of the head, perhaps, warned me it was Kara.

There was a crackle of pistol fire in front of us, and a knot of figures swayed into view, distorted, indistinct. The deluge seemed to act as a freak lens to play tricks with normal vision; and possibly that was why comparatively few were shot. Twice I had men fair over the barrel of my pistol, and both times I missed—and I am rather better than a good shot. But I had no time for philosophizing.

Tontou and Hilmi Bey went for Nikka. He was bleeding from a cut in the arm, and all his men were engaged. Hugh, with King and Watty, was developing an encircling movement on the opposite end of the line. I started to go to Nikka's aid, but a man sprang at me from nowhere, and I was obliged to dodge him until I had a chance to shoot. I did not miss that time. When I looked again, Nikka and Tontou were circling each other, and Hilmi was at grips with Kara.

At first I thought the Levantine was scheming to throw the girl, but as I drew near I perceived that he had clinched with her in mortal terror of her knife. She held his own powerlessness by her grasp of his wrist. A mocking light gleamed in her eyes, and she shook back her loose hair and jeered at him in the Tzigan dialect. With one pudgy hand he strove to ward off her blade, but he could not control her little muscles. She tore her wrist free, the steel drove home through his sodden frock coat and he collapsed with a squeal.

Kara pulled out her knife as casually as though it had been a familiar occurrence, and turned to watch Nikka's fight with Tontou. Nikka from the corner of his eye saw the two of us, plainly waiting a chance to help him, and he leaped clear of the circle long enough to snap:

"Let be! I finish this alone!"

I couldn't have helped him, in any case, for as redoubtable a person as Tokalji, himself, attacked me at that moment. Kara did not even notice my danger. She also ignored the man she called father. Her whole attention was concentrated upon Nikka. I fired once at the gypsy chief, and missed.

That was the last cartridge in the magazine, and I attempted to lose him in the rain. But he refused to be lost, and I was making up my mind to take

his knife in my wounded arm and batter his head with my pistol butt, when Watkins loomed in the mist and brought down his trusty crowbar on Tokalji's knife-wrist. The gypsy yelped like a dog, and the knife clattered on the ground. Watty produced some rope from a pocket and deftly twisted the man's arms behind him. Tokalji relapsed again.

"Easy," I said. "The fellow's wrist is broken."

"I'm tying 'im above the elbows, Mister Jack, sir," answered Watty. "But if it did 'urt 'im a bit I wouldn't worry, sir. I 'ave an idea, sir, 'e was one of the scoundrels that bashed me 'end."

My one thought was of Nikka, and I sought him over the rain-battered area of the court. The fighting had drifted away toward the sea wall. There seemed to be nobody near me. I listened hard, and in a full of the storm my ears detected the click of blades. I stumbled toward it, and nearly fell on top of Kara, crouching as I had left her, eyes glued on the two men who circled tirelessly, steel-lipped arms crooked before them.

Tontou had a huge advantage in reach, but Nikka had the benefit of the agility, a wrist of iron—the result of years of bowing; a hawk's eyes; and all the tricks with the blade that the people of his race have amassed in centuries of bloody strife. Four times, while I watched, Tontou endeavored to force down Nikka's knife by the sheer strength of his gorilla-like arm, and each time Nikka disengaged and refused to give the opportunity his adversary needed. Twice Nikka tried a certain trick, a combination of lightning thrusts and clever footwork. But the Frenchman parried it each time, and retallied so quickly as to drive Nikka out of reach.

Neither of them said anything. Tontou spat and whined in his throat, cat-fashion. Nikka panted from exertion. Both of them dripped with sweat, notwithstanding the rain. There was something of an epic quality about their struggle, and I discovered myself taking the same almost impersonal interest in it that Kara demonstrated. By all the principles of normal right behavior, I should have ignored Nikka's command to let him fight it out alone, and rushed in at the first opening to kill a monster, who did not deserve and had no appreciation of knightly treatment. But I could not. I was chained by an emotion I could not fathom.

And yet I was absorbed in Nikka's success. My heart leaped in my throat when I saw that he was trying for the third time the trick which had twice failed. His knife went up in the same way, he shifted posture as he had in his other tries, and Tontou mechanically side-stepped as experience had told him was safe and aimed a stab which should have cut Nikka's throat. But Nikka was not there. He had varied the trick. Stooping, his knife had fallen, then sliced upward—and Tontou staggered, a look of bland surprise on his face, ripped open from belly to chest.

"It'sss-ss-ss-ss!" he hissed, and fell forward.

Kara hurried herself into Nikka's arms.

"You are the greatest knife-fighter of the Tziganes!" she cried triumphantly. "You are a king! You are my man! See, while you conquered your enemy, I, too, stabbed the rat who tried to put his knife in your back."

And she led Nikka to the body of Hilmi, which, I regret to say, she kicked with her brown toes. Nikka absently leaped over to wipe his knife on the Levantine's coat-tails, but Kara intervened.

"No, no," she exclaimed. "Here is my hair! Wipe it on my hair, beloved of my heart. Let me suck it clean with my lips! So we shall have strong sons."

Nikka looked sufficiently annoyed to show that he had some instincts of civilization remaining.

"Peace," he ordered royally. "Be quiet, girl!"

She cowered before him, and he recognized me.

"Oh, hullo, Jack! Where's Hugh?"

Hugh loomed up through the rain as he spoke.

"That you, Nikka? We think we've got Tokalji's people rounded up, but we need you to talk to them. Has Tontou—"

"He's there."

Nikka pointed his knife to the heap of drab garments that had been the French "killer."

"Good for you!" exclaimed Hugh. "I'm glad he didn't get off. When you think of Uncle James and—that girl we saw—and I suppose others! What a beast!"

We splashed after him, Kara following Nikka like a dog. Wasso Mikali, his surviving young men, King and Watkins were guarding thirteen shivering gypsies in the lee of the bachelors' quarters. In reply to questions, Tokalji told Nikka—and Kara, shamelessly throwing in her lot with us, corroborated him—that there had been fifteen of their band on the premises. A search of the courtyard disclosed two of them dead, together with one of Wasso Mikali's men. We bound the arms of the prisoners, most of them suffering from bullet wounds or stabs, and marched them over to the House of the Married.

The one lantern was still flickering when we entered, and Betty rose to greet us.

"Thank God!" she said soberly as her eyes envisaged us all. "What did you do with Mrs. Hilyer?"

"Isn't she here?" asked Hugh.

"No. I don't know just when she left. There was a lot of firing, and I looked to where she had been sitting by her husband, and she was gone."

(Continued Friday)

### REPORTS DENIES VARE RIGHT TO SENATE SEAT

Washington, February 22.—The Reed Campaign Fund Committee today filed a final report in the Senate declaring Senator-elect William S. Vare, Republican, of Pennsylvania, "is not entitled to a seat in the United States Senate."

The report was unanimous by the committee of three Republicans and two Democrats. The committee filed likewise a series of special reports from investigators, revealing election frauds and irregularities on the part of Vare followers in the Pennsylvania senatorial election of 1926.

The report was filed by Senator James A. Reed, Democrat, of Missouri, who served notice he would call it up tomorrow for action by the Senate.

Sikeston Standard, \$1.50 per year.

Notice To Creditors of the Peoples Bank of Sikeston, Sikeston, Mo.

NOTICE  
December 20, 1928

All persons who may have claims against the Peoples Bank of Sikeston, Sikeston, Missouri, are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned and make proper proof thereof within four months from the above date at the banking room of Bank of Sikeston, in Sikeston, Missouri, and they are further notified that the last date for presenting said proofs will be April 20th, 1929.

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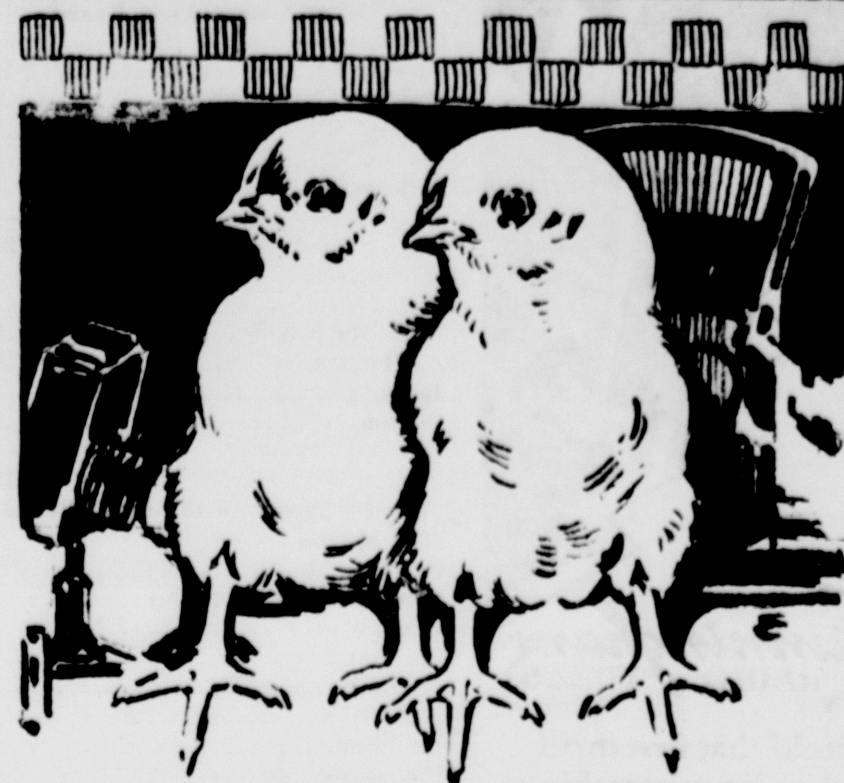
"Six years ago, I was very much run-down," says Mrs. Olympia Knight, of Lovett, Ga. "I did not sleep well, and was weak and restless. I dragged around the house with not enough strength to do my daily tasks. I worried a lot, and this disturbed state of mind reacted on my health."

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The filter or sediment bulb should be cleaned at regular intervals and the carburetor screen removed and washed in gasoline. Occasionally the drain plug at the bottom of the carburetor should be removed and the carburetor drained for a few seconds.

Have your Ford dealer look after these important little details for you when you have the car oiled and greased. A thorough, periodic checking-up costs little, but it has a great deal to do with long life and continuously good performance.

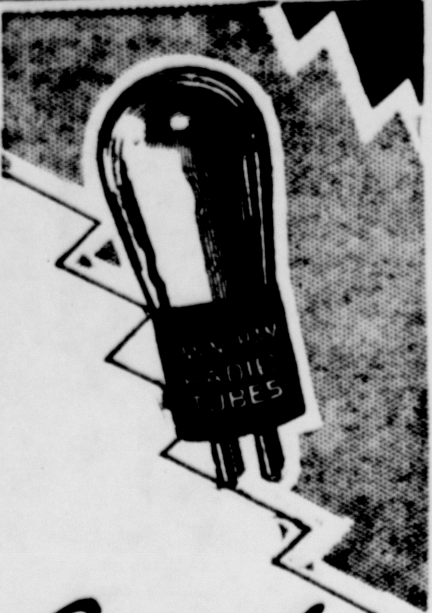
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court in their usual efficient fashion. The box score:

Sikeston—	
M. Baker, f	8
H. Baker, f	21
Littleton, je	0
Smith, re	0
Whidden, g	0
Albritton, g	0
Poplar Bluff—	
Gray, f	12
Legg, f	9
V. Harris, je	0
Wolpers, je	0
Henderson, re	0
Everets, g	0
M. Harris, g	0

**The Tournament By Rounds**  
The fourth annual Boys' Basketball tournament swung under way at 8:00 o'clock Friday morning, when coaches of eight teams drew for positions. Poplar Bluff, Charleston, Matthews, New Madrid, Cape Girardeau, Anniston, Fruitland and Sikeston were represented.

<b>First Round</b>	
Matthews—Cape Girardeau, 8:25.	
Matthews—	
M. Dover, f	5
Wilmurth, f	4
Sutton, c	13
Spalding, g	3
Waters, g	1
G. Dover, f	2

Cape Girardeau—	
Davis, f	13
Brace, f	1
King, c	4
Hirsch, g	3
Wickham, g	2
Estes, g	2

<b>Second Game—First Round</b>	
Charleston—	
Brown, f	10
Meyers, f	2
Lee, c	2
Perkins, g	4
Jackson, g	4

Sikeston—	
Cox, f	3
J. H. Hayden, c	6
A. Hayden, g	2
Jones, g	2
Bruton, f	2

<b>Third Game—10:15—First Round</b>	
New Madrid—	
Carigan, f	4
Crisler, f	0
Riley, c	2
Ransburgh, g	0
Smith, g	0
Hunter, g	2
La Plant, f	8
Richardson, f	1

Fruitland—	
Templeton, f	13
Schreiner, f	7
E. McDowell, c	8
Masterson, g	0
C. McDowell, g	0
Winter, g	2
Cowan, f	1
Anderson, f	6

<b>Fourth Game—First Round</b> 11:25-12:30	
Poplar Bluff—	
Duckles, f	9
Dicus, f	7
Lawson, c	10
Borth, g	0
Mengel, g	2
Kinkead, f	2

<b>Second Game</b>	
Poplar Bluff—	
Duckles, f	11
Discus, f	9
Lawson, c	5
Borth, g	0
Mengel, g	2

<b>First Round</b>	
Matthews—Cape Girardeau, 8:25.	
Matthews—	
M. Dover, f	5
Wilmurth, f	4
Sutton, c	13
Spalding, g	3
Waters, g	1
G. Dover, f	2

<b>Second Game Consolation—2 p. m.</b>	
New Madrid—	
La Plant, f	0
Carigan, f	12

<b>First Round</b>	
Matthews—Cape Girardeau, 8:25.	
Matthews—	
M. Dover, f	5
Wilmurth, f	4
Sutton, c	13
Spalding, g	3
Waters, g	1
G. Dover, f	2



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Crisler, f	0
Riley, c	4
Smith, g	0
Ransburgh, g	0
Hunter, g	2
Richardson, f	2
Anniston—	
Tatum, f	8
Jenkins, f	4
Blackwell, c	8
Morrow, g	1
Stocks, g	0
Jones, g	0

One of the best games of the day, teams about same size and evenly matched. Wid Matthews referee. Score never more than two points difference in second half. Foul shot by Tatum in last ten second of play won for Anniston.

**First Game—Semi-Finals Championship Bracket—3 p. m.**

Charleston—	
Meyers, f	4
Bryant, f	0
Perkins, c	2
Jackson, g	4
Lee, g	5
Grace, g	0
Galliday, f	0
Matthews—	
M. Dover, f	11
Wilmurth, f	4
Sutton, c	1
Spalding, g	1
Waters, g	0
King, f	2
Cantrell, g	1
G. Dover, f	2

<b>Second Game</b>	
Poplar Bluff—	
Duckles, f	11
Discus, f	9
Lawson, c	5
Borth, g	0
Mengel, g	2
Fruitland—	
Templeton, f	9
Anderson, f	2
E. McDowell, c	12
Masterson, g	9
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**FRAZIER TELLS FARMERS HOW TO MAKE ARTIFICIAL MANURE FROM STRAWSTACKS**

L. N. Frazier, representative of the Oliver Chilled Plow Works, who supervised a display of farm machinery and an educational program at Russell Brothers Saturday, told his audience how to convert strawstacks into artificial manure.

"One of the problems that is facing the American farmer today, is the production of a cheaper fertilizer. To the men who are raising small grain, they have a source of supply, that has heretofore, been burned, because we had no method of getting it into shape for distribution in any reasonable time, so had to burn it, or let an acre of valuable land lay idle for two to three years, before the straw was decomposed, to the point, where it could be spread on the land.

In a series of experiments that have been conducted over a space, there has been found a way in which these straw stacks may be made ready to spread on the land, the same year threshed, thus saving the land that would lay idle, and also getting the benefit of the fertilizer on the following crop.

In these experiments, it has been found that with a chemical mixture of 45 per cent ammonium sulphate, 40 per cent finely ground limestone, and 15 per cent acid phosphate, to the hundred pounds, makes a mixture, that when applied to the straw, will cause it to be decomposed, so as to be available by November or December of the same year threshed.

This is put into the stack by means of a shaker set on top of the separator, driven by a belt from the shaker shaft, and water by means of a fish-tail nozzle, mounted at the end of the blower pipe.

The flow of both water and chemicals was adjusted so that 150 pounds of the chemical mixture was added to each ton of straw, and the straw would retain without loss.

The weight of the straw threshed per bushel of grain, was determined, by subtracting from the weight of a load of sheaves, the weight of the grain contained and dividing the difference by the number of bushels.

Another pile was used also, using the chemicals dry, but not piling the straw over six feet high, as that is about as high as the average rainfall will care for.

It has been found that manure produced in this manner and spread with a manure spreader, on the fall crop of wheat, will keep down a large amount of freezing out of wheat in the winter, also prevent blowing on the more sandy ground, as we have north and east of us here at Sikeston.

To the Editor:  
In regards to your article in Friday's Standard: "Sikeston is the home of live wires" perhaps for this reason the business men and people of our town hesitate to invest more capital in these enterprises.

When the local shoe factory was built here, our people came forward nobly to help finance the proposition with the one thought in mind, that our people here would have employment and the houses we built would find ready renters.

Our houses are empty (and rent is no higher here than other places). The factory employer any number of people from out of town places, where they spend their money and our boys and girls go elsewhere to seek jobs. We know there are two sides of this hiring and firing question, but the one side that looms the biggest is the "Superintendent man". Whatever he says, goes. It looks like a loss of money for the factory to train these workers for a year or more then make conditions so unbearable for them by a little ignorant head versed more in making cow hides into shoes than he is in making a contented and helpful employee of our factory. Thus our merchants and business men do not care to invest more money to employ people who live and spend their money elsewhere while our people roam from home to find jobs where they can work contentedly and still hold their self-respect.

One of the head bosses is paying for a home, the job is secure. Employees are afraid to buy on account of unsecure jobs. Those that have bought, found their jobs gone and had to sell at a loss, sometimes to go somewhere else or to live while trying to get in some other kind of profitable employment.

If any more factories are to be financed by our people, see that they thoroughly understand "our's" come first" where jobs are concerned. If any firing is done, let the employee be treated like postoffice employees are. When they are fired, a letter containing the charges are filed with the head of the department and one with the man fired.

If our people can make good some place else, there is something radically wrong with existing conditions here. Unless other factories are conducted on a more business-like and more humane plan, they would not add much to the finances of our city or our people.

—A SQUARE SHOOTER.

In an attempt to learn both sides of the factory situation, one of which was outlined in a letter to the Editor, Manager W. L. Hutters was interviewed. In speaking of hiring and firing promiscuously, he said: "It would be foolish for any factory manager to train men for the questionable pleasure of being able to fire them. Labor turnover is a big item, and the firing of any man is done only to maintain the efficiency of the plant.

"Whenever we do find it necessary to lay a man off work, a report of the transaction is kept on file here and another is sent to the main office in St. Louis.

"We determined by an actual poll of workers in the factory that 93 per cent of the employees are local people. We have been forced", he said, "to go out of town for a small percentage of female help, and that was because they were not available nearer home. Just 7 per cent of our employees live out of town and drive back and forth, but many of them were originally residents of the city, and have since moved away—why I can't say. Of this 7 per cent, numbering 42, thirty-six are girls and six are heads of families.

"In hiring workmen, we prefer heads of families", said Mr. Hutters, "because they have more stability about them, and they make permanent employees. We can usually depend on them."

The manager added that at present the factory is running at peak production. "The schedule calls for five and one-half days, but we are forced to work six days to come out", he added.

The investigation of resident and out-of-town workers is summarized in an accurate list of all workers in the factory, and is at present before the writer. It will be shown on request at The Standard office.

To the Editor of The Standard:

I noticed in your paper that there had been a bill before the House of Representatives to require the daily reading of the Bible in our public schools, which was rejected. As much as I love the dear old Book, I think they did the people of Missouri a great favor. While if the law had required them to begin at the first verse of Genesis and quit at the last verse of Revelations, there no doubt would have been some good accomplished, providing the teachers were forbidden to comment on any part of the scriptures. But the law did not carry this clause. Therefore, there would be no end to the trouble and confusion such a law would cause. For there are so many different peo-

ple, with so many different ideas as to what the Bible teaches and no two of them alike. Of course, if a teacher was a Baptist, she or he, would try to make Baptists of all her pupils. They would want to teach them, that once in grace always in grace. That would cause all the Methodists, Nazarenes, Pentecosts, and others, to rise up and object to such teachings. If a teacher was a Methodist, of course he would teach that sprinkling or pouring was just as good as baptism. Of course, the Baptist would not stand for that. And if the teacher was a Nazarene, he would want to impress upon the minds of his pupils that they must get the second blessing in order to keep saved. If a teacher were a Pentecost, he would also teach that one must get the second blessing, but would have to have the evidence that they had received it by speaking in tongues. And perhaps would give a demonstration by falling over on the floor grunting and groaning like a dying cow. Yes, just talking to the Lord, so they say. And if a teacher was one of those fellows that they call Campbellites, he would want to teach the pupils that in order to be saved, one must repent and be baptised for remissions of sins. Well, it is easy to see that there would be trouble for everybody. So the House of Representatives has extended our era of religious peace, by rejecting this law.

While I believe everybody should read the Bible more than they do. They should not only read it and study it, but should go by what it says, instead of going by what man says. The great trouble with the religious world of today is, people do not go by what the Holy Scriptures, but have accepted in lieu men's opinions. Therefore are divided in all directions and never will become as one in Christ Jesus. All know that man knows nothing about God, and his dealing with man, accept that which is revealed in God's word. Therefore, if a man wants to know what to do to be saved, he should go to the Bible to find out. Not to the preacher. For if the preacher should tell him correctly, it would at least be second handed stuff and should not be relied upon, because there is such price at stake. If we should analyze the average sermon that is preached today, we would find it something like this: Men's opinion, 99½ per cent; true gospel, ½ of 1 per cent.

—GEO. W. ANDERSON.

Elvins—Meeting held here recently to discuss street pavement project.

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